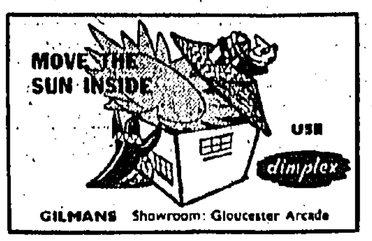

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U.S. PLAN SPACE HOUSE

To Orbit Around Earth

Washington, Dec. 29.

The United States may soon build a house 500 miles out in space for men to live and work in.

The plan was disclosed by two missile scientists at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

The house would be prefabricated and shot into space in pieces by rockets.

Space tug boats would be shot after the pieces and three-man crews would corral the pieces and bolt them together.

That done, 10 men would be put into the house and live and work in it.

All would be scientists and their jobs would be to find out what space is like.

The tough problems of unknown space life were worked out simply.

The space-men would take the earth's atmosphere and temperatures with them — they would be sealed into their tugs and house and get from one to the other by way of air locks.

This eliminated the need for space suits and the possible embarrassments to men of being weightless in "airless" space.

Science Fiction

Some of these ideas have been discussed in science fiction and in theoretical discussions.

Today they were parts of a highly engineered plan which was presented as a practical project for beginning man's conquest of space.

The plan came out of the missiles division of the Lockheed Corporation, a prime Government rocketry contractor, and was presented by two Lockheed scientists, Saunders B. Kramer and Richard A. Byers, to the American Astronautical Society.

The presentation made it clear that plan was deep into the blueprint stage.

In fact, it can be achieved within 10 years, they said, and most of the know-how exists now.

A 500-miles orbit would be easy for present-day rockets.

America's monkey and Russia's dog have showed that living creatures can be transported in space without being harmed by the trip.

Re-Entry

The problem of "re-entry that is, getting them safely back to earth, is about to be solved, along with lesser technical matters.

The scientists emphasised the module type of construction perfected in pre-fabricated earth houses.

Rims and spokes would be made of cylinders 10 feet in diameter and 20 feet long.

The manned "Astro Tugs" shot after them into the same orbit would be equipped with mechanical grapples which their crews could operate from the inside.

Spinning

The scientists said that all the cylinders could be put into one orbit and assembled in less than a week.

Once assembled, the wheel would be set to spinning to maintain itself above the outermost edges of earth's gravity-charged atmosphere.

They envisage re-entry vehicles which would take scientists and tug crews back and forth between the house and earth.

The house would contain complete scientific equipment to study the chemistry, physics, and electronics of space, along with its effects on the physiology of both men and plants.

The scientific residents would be specialists in those fields.

They'd probably live there for six months or so at a time but with a ready re-entry available, the time could be shorter.

The scientists pointed out machinery and techniques would be perfected to take space men to the moon and the planets beyond.

Indeed, additions could be put onto the space house indefinitely, as additions are put onto an earth house.

And this enlarged and reinforced structure could then become the launching pad for manned rockets outward bound. —U.P.I.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

THEIR DUTY

THIS is a picture of three men doing their duty, one, the Rev. Michael Scott, according to his conscience, and the two policemen on orders from above. Scott and a number of his pacifist friends picketed a new rocket base in Norfolk by lying across the entrance. They defied the police when they were asked to get out. And they were carted off to court in the only way possible. Twenty-two spent Christmas in gaol.

A typically British reaction followed. The issue of conscience versus authority was drowned in sentiment. Cards and gifts flooded into the gaol in which the demonstrators spent Christmas. This has been interpreted by the pacifists as support for their cause. But it was not. It was just that the Norfolk martyrs evoked sympathy in a few soft hearts. And who denies that by a long process of veneration in Britain the underdog today is in reality the top-dog. And it is officialdom and authority that is the butt of scorn and ridicule.

How many people have said of the demonstrators "I admire them". For did they not show with passionate intensity the courage of their convictions and their abhorrence of weapons of mass destruction. How many, we wonder, said of the Police who carted the demonstrators off to prison, "I admire them". For did not they also do their duty and demonstrate their obedience to authority? Or do we take the policeman's job for granted?

Who were right then? Not the minister of the church who is being so irreverently handled in our picture. He obeyed his conscience and flouted authority. The demonstrators knew what was coming to them. The magistrate's comment to them was: "You must learn to keep your protests within the law." Britain has decided, and the Government has a large enough majority to emphasise it, that rockets are essential for the nation's defence.

The Police did the right thing by ejecting the demonstrators. They were also right to bundle off women demonstrators in the same unceremonious way as the men. It is the Police who deserve the nation's support. When will we learn to respect the men who have to do the dirty work, and carry out the unpopular but necessary decisions?

ROK MP Knocked Unconscious

A member of the South Korean opposition Democrats, showing his face upward, was knocked unconscious in a 10-minute fist-swinging fight in the National Assembly between Democrat members and the Assembly Guards. The fight started when the guards attempted to clear bedding off the dias where the Democrats had staged a sitdown strike over a controversial bill to amend the Security Law. The bill was eventually passed.—UPI Photo.

Doctors Fight For 12-Ounce Baby's Life

Chicago, Dec. 29.

Doctors struggled today to keep life in a day-old girl who, if she survives, will be the all-time record for the tiniest baby who ever lived.

The baby is Gloria Hanses, a 12-ounce handful of flickering life who was born yesterday to Mrs Mabel Hanses, 23, wife of a shipping department worker and mother of two other children.

Gloria came into the world three and a half months premature in Chicago's Swedish Covenant Hospital. At first it was believed she was dead. Then an alert nurse noticed signs of life and the baby was rushed to an incubator.

INCUBATOR

Gloria was still in the incubator today, receiving a constant supply of oxygen, but her condition was critical.

If she lives, she will match the all-time record for lightweight babies set by another Chicago infant 22 years ago. The record holder is Jacqueline Benson, now a suburban palatine school teacher, who also weighed only 12 ounces when she was born in St Anne's Hospital on January 14, 1936.—U.P.I.

King Improves

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.

Doctors reported tonight that the condition of 59-year-old King Frederik of Denmark was "quite satisfactory" and that the damage to his lung was healing—Reuter.

King Midas's Palace Believed Found

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.

A group of American archaeologists believe they have found the palace of King Midas, the legendary king whose touch turned everything to gold.

Dr Machteld Mellink, leader of a recent expedition to a site of Gordion, Turkey, said in a report to the Archaeological Institute of America today that Midas was a real king who lived about 715 years before Christ.

He declared that Midas was ruler of Phrygia, now part of Turkey, and that he was fabulously wealthy.

The Legend

Dr Mellink said the legend about Midas probably grew up because the Greeks knew he had a fabulous treasure "and apparently the facts are that he wanted everything he touched made of gold."

He said his expedition hoped to start uncovering the palace itself next summer.

"But what we hope for in our search is not the gold but Midas's archives," Dr Mellink said. "They ought to add immensely to our knowledge of the Phrygian language." — Reuter.

MAKARIOS TO VISIT JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 30.

Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus will arrive in Japan early next month for a short visit it was learned today.

Frank Scolinos, legal adviser to the Greek Government in Japan, said he was informed of the visit yesterday.

Mr Scolinos said the Archbishop was expected on January 5 or 6 but it was not known how long he would remain in Tokyo.—U.P.I.

Tokyo Police Expect 'Huge Drug' Shipment From Hongkong

Tokyo, Dec. 30.

Tokyo police announced today a new year crackdown on the narcotics traffic following reports that huge illegal shipments are expected from Hongkong.

They said they would set up a special narcotics traffic preventative department with headquarters in Asakusa, Tokyo's entertainment district.

CONFIRMED

The police did not disclose where they got the information, but said they had "confirmed" that large quantities of narcotics are due here early next year from Hongkong.

Up to Sunday, officers had arrested 440 smugglers in 1958.

Eighty per cent of these arrested were Japanese, 13 per cent Korean and seven per cent Chinese, police said.

The police believe there are about 10 well-organised narcotic smuggling organisations in Tokyo.

NO INFORMATION

These organisations, investigators said, are now concentrating on the 20-25-year-old age group in a search for new customers, whereas last year they concentrated on the 25-30 age group.—U.P.I.

In Hongkong this morning, the Director of the Anti-Corruption and Narcotics Branch of the Hongkong Police said he had no information regarding these "huge illegal shipments."

He said that in cases like this, they worked in conjunction with the Japanese police, but he repeated that in this case, he knew nothing about it.

Second Marriages Popular With Divorced Englishmen

London, Dec. 30.

Second marriage after a divorce is more popular with the Englishman than the Englishwoman, according to a report published today.

The final review of the 1951 census figures for England and Wales shows there were 79,000 divorced husbands compared with 120,000 divorced wives.

There were also 2,319,000 widows compared with 739,000 widowers because women, in general, lived longer than men.

In 1931, there were more Scots and Irish in England and Wales—580,000 Scots compared with 366,000 in 1931, the date of the previous census, and 627,000 Irish, raising the Irish born proportion of the population from 10 to 14 per thousand.

Female clerks and typists more than doubled their numbers between 1931 and 1951 and the number of women indoor domestic servants was halved.

The census cost £1,000,000—about eight pence per head of the population. — China Mail Special.

New 'Hot Spot' In East-West Cold War

New York, Dec. 29.

The Antarctic was about to become the new "hot spot" in the east-west cold war, columnist Robert Allen wrote today in the New York Post.

Allen in his column "Inside Washington," said Russia and the United States were "squaring off" to stage a momentous race to be first to penetrate the Bellingshausen Sea.

He added: "Winner of this contest will have the basis to claim possession of this crucial region, still unreached by exploration."

The Race

Allen said the United States Joint Chiefs-of-Staff considered the race to be of the utmost significance in the efforts to keep the Antarctic out of Russian hands.

He said intelligence authorities said the Russians were planning to assert claim to a major part of the vast icy continent if they could get through to the Bellingshausen Sea first.

The sea is 1,300 miles directly north of the South Pole, between the Palmer and Thurston Peninsula, on the side of Antarctica nearest South America.

Discovery

For most of the year the Bellingshausen Sea is frozen over and not navigable. But flights over the area during the International Geophysical Year disclosed that in late January the ice appeared to break up sufficiently to allow ice-breakers to get through.

This discovery triggered the United States-Soviet race, Allen wrote. He said United States Navy ships had orders to penetrate the sea as far as possible. They would explore as much as possible and then pull out.

Allen added: "This exploration, if the U.S. Navy gets there first, would be sufficient for a U.S. claim to the coast line and adjacent territory.

"The Russians are understood to be planning to establish a permanent base in the area. Intelligence reports the Reds plan to use this base for the greatest exploration operations in Antarctic history."—Reuter.

Cuban Rebels Claim Big Success

Havana, Dec. 29.

Cuban rebels claimed tonight that their advance patrols had entered the city of Santa Clara, capital of the key province of Las Villas, "putting army forces to flight."

A rebel radio transmitter operating in Las Villas said insurgent advance units reached the University of Santa Clara and other public buildings today and that "army forces fell back towards the Leoncio Vidal barracks," headquarters of the Third Military District.

The rebel announcement came after a day in which President Fulgencio Batista directed an almost steady stream of war planes against rebel-held towns in Las Villas province, in what appeared to be a major attempt to smash the two-year-old revolt.

The intensified air attack was intended to bar the rebels from Las Villas province. Possession of the strategic province would split the island in two.—UPI.

Prince Charles' Cast Removed

Kings Lynn, Dec. 29.

The plaster cast on the Prince of Wales' ankle, injured at school recently, was removed at a hospital here today in Norfolk.

Prince Charles motored here for an X-ray from Sandringham where he has been spending the Christmas holiday with the Royal family. — China Mail Special.

Chaplin Settles

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.

The United States Treasury suit against actor Charlie Chaplin, due for hearing here on January 8, has been settled out of court, Federal Tax official, Earl Crouter, announced.

The Treasury claimed $1,242,532. Chaplin, who now lives in Switzerland, has agreed to pay "several hundred thousand dollars" Crouter said. — France-Presse.

Off To Sandringham

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, smiles over the head of the dachshund she is holding when she arrived at Liverpool Street Station, London, to travel with other members of the Royal Family to Sandringham for the Christmas holidays.—Reuterphoto.

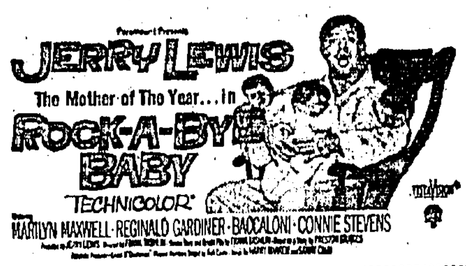
Their Plaything

Bridgend, Wales, Dec. 29.

A bomb disposal squad today got rid of a magnetic mine on the beach here which local children had clambered over for more than five years. It had always been thought to be an old boiler, wedged in the rocks.—Reuter.

KING'S ★ PRINCESS

LAST 2 DAYS



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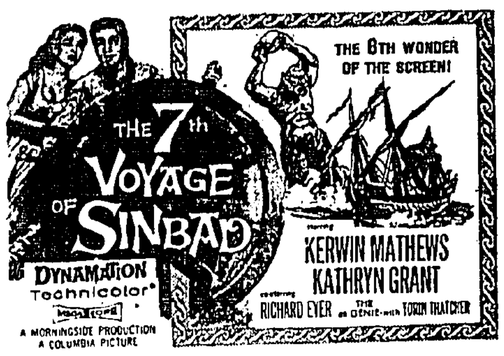

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WELCOME COMMITTEE FOR RAG MILLIONAIRE WILL BE THE POLICE

Arabs Warn: 'We'll March'

Amman, Dec. 29.

Arab refugees today threatened to march peacefully back to Palestine, their homeland, if the Palestine question—legacy of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war—is not solved soon.

In a note submitted to the Jordan Government today they demanded repatriation and compensation for property lost or damaged during the 1948 war.

A Jordan government official who received the note from a refugee delegation today promised to re-submit it to the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, when he visits Amman next Saturday.—Reuter.

They're Worried

Singapore, Dec. 29.

Two Muslim leaders said today they were worried at the high number of broken marriages among Muslims in Singapore. Last year divorces were 43 per cent of marriages.

The chief Nathi, Tuan Haji Ali Bin Haji Salleh, said "Large scale unemployment, and indulgence in excessive fun by happy-go-lucky young men and women, are the chief causes of broken marriages.—China Mail Special.

Dangerous Toys Ban

Stockholm, Dec. 29.

Sweden is to ban the import of daggers, stilettos, flick-knives and other dangerous toys as from the New Year, the government announced today.—Reuter.

TENGKU RAHMAN

LOTTERY MONEY NOT SINFUL

Penang, Dec. 29.

Money derived from social welfare lotteries is not a sin, said the Prime Minister of Malaya Tengku Abdul Rahman.

He said if it were a sin to use money derived from social welfare lotteries for religious purposes then his Government was prepared to accept "full responsibility."

Tengku Abdul Rahman said "I do not think God will punish those who try to do some good for religion."

Hitting at critics who accused him of jeopardising the interests of his community by inviting Chinese Muslim refugees in Hongkong to come to Malaya Rahman said "this attitude is all wrong. My sole aim was prompted by feelings that as a Moslem, I should try to help these fellow-Muslims."—U.P.I.

GHOST ORGANIST IS REPORTED TO BISHOP

Torquay, Dec. 29.

A ghostly organist believed to haunt a small church here has been "reported" to the Bishop of Exeter, the Rt Rev. Dr R. C. Mortimer.

Mr Frederic Fox, organist at the Church of St John's has told the Bishop in a letter that on occasions he has felt a "presence" on the organ stool with him while he has been playing.

The Vicar of St John's The Rev. Anthony Rouse has in the past complained about the phantom which he believes is the ghost of a young organist who died in 1883.

Mr Rouse said today that the ghost has been seen several times by a number of people and others have heard the organ play when no one was at the keyboard.

He has twice heard organ music coming from the empty church while he was in bed.—Reuter.

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Questions About A Small Matter Of 40 Million Francs

Aboard the "Theodor Herzl" in the Mediterranean, Dec. 29.

Joseph Joanovici, the legendary "millionaire rag picker" expelled from Israel last week, said today he would be a "condemned man in advance" if he is forced to stand trial in France.

In a ship-to-shore telephone interview with U.P.I. Joanovici said: "I know that public opinion is all against me in France and that I would not find the serene justice there to which I am entitled. I would be treated like a rag picker, like a Bessarabian, like a collaborator.

"Mister Joseph," as the 56-year-old, Russian-born Joanovici is also known, is wanted in France for allegedly swindling the Government out of 40,000,000 francs (about £31,746) and for leaving the country 14 months ago.

The trip that for Joanovici could lead to a French prison began the day after Christmas when Israeli police led him aboard the "Theodor Herzl" bound for Naples and Marseilles.

False Papers

Mister Joseph, an illiterate immigrant who turned a junk business into a fortune was deported after living in Israel for more than a year on false papers.

He claims he now has no nationality, no passport, and not even a valid temporary visa to remain in Israel.

He claims that Morocco — the only other country besides France that wants him — has offered him a metal mining consultant's job but that he doesn't want to go there.

Although French police have refused to say what action they will take tomorrow, there was a possibility that Joanovici would be arrested if he set foot ashore in Marseilles.

The only alternative to disembarking—he says he will "forcibly resist" being put off the ship—is to make the round trip to the country which has just shown him the door.

I Will Return

"My fate rests with the captain of this ship," Joanovici told U.P.I.

"If I am allowed to remain on board," he said, "you can be sure I will return to Israel."

The "Theodor Herzl" stopped at Naples yesterday morning and many passengers went sightseeing ashore.

But Joanovici, whose cabin was under heavy police guard, could only look out of the porthole.

He said that if he could have got off at Naples, an Italian lawyer he knows there might have been able to get him a visa for a South American country within a few days.—U.P.I.

Open Door

Paris, Dec. 30.

The Western powers are sending notes to Moscow within the next 48 hours rejecting the Soviet Union's proposal to end four-power controls over Berlin but leaving the door open for negotiations on German reunification, European Security and disarmament.—Reuter.

China's Loan

London, Dec. 29.

Communist China is to make a long-term loan of 100 million roubles (about £6,930,000) to Mongolia under the terms of an economic and technical aid agreement signed in Peking today.—Reuter.

Chinese Stamps

Paris, Dec. 29.

Radio Peking reported that three sets of new stamps will be issued in Peking tomorrow and on the New Year's Day.

The first set of two shows the achievements of China in atomic science.

The second set of four is devoted to sports.—France-Presse.

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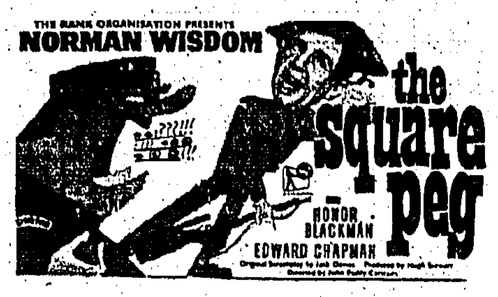

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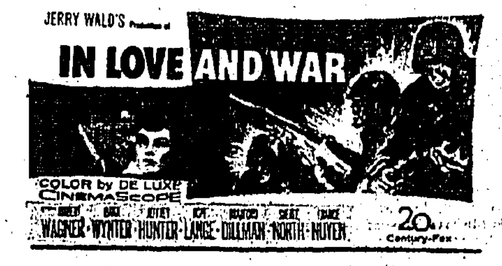

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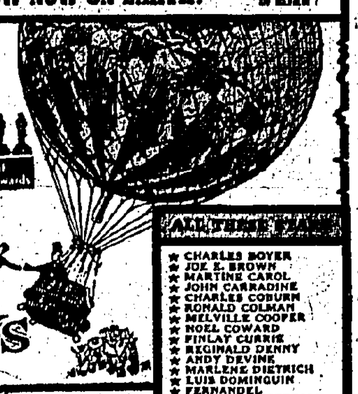

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Washington, Dec. 29.

The Government announced today that it has awarded a contract for construction of a pilot plant to convert salt water into fresh water by the deep freeze method.

The Interior Department awarded the $150,000 contract to the Carrier Corp. of Syracuse, N.Y.

The company has been conducting experiments on various phases of saline water conversion under previous contracts.

Department officials said the direct freeze system has made great strides in recent months and finally has reached a sufficiently advanced stage for testing on the pilot plant level.

They said Carrier expected to put a plant capable of producing 15,000 gallons of fresh water a day into operation by next summer.

1M. Gallon Plant

According to these officials, Carrier hopes to prove the efficiency of the freezing technique so it will be eligible for construction of a larger plant.

Congress, in its last session, authorised construction of five demonstration plants to test different water conversion methods.

A full-sized demonstration plant would have a capacity of up to one million gallons a day.

The Interior Department's Office of Saline Water already has several pilot plants under operation.

One of them, at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, uses the Badger - Hickman evaporation method. Others test the solar and other systems.—U.P.I.

"Nylons Will Not Burn"

London, Dec. 29.

British Nylon Spinners Ltd. issued a statement today on a Rhodesian doctor's theory that nylon clothing might have caused unusual delayed action type burns suffered by women passengers in a French airliner which crashed at Salisbury last Friday.

The statement said: "There is no truth whatsoever in the suggestion that the intense heat of the flash might have been sufficient to ignite nylon material at a distance.'

"This is physically impossible.

"Nylon melts at the direct touch of a flame, as women have discovered when their nylons have laddered because a flake of burning cigarette ash has fallen on them, but nylon cannot burst into flame at any distance whatever under any known conditions.

"As the British Standards Institution state, in their report PD2777, nylon fabrics do not spread flame.

"Nylon stockings could only melt if flames were actually touching them.

Nonsense

"Any suggestion that a burn could be avoided if stockings were taken off is nonsense as, if any flame were near enough to burn the stockings, the legs would inevitably be burned themselves."

The doctor, Dr J. H. G. Robertson, medical superintendent at Salisbury Hospital, was reported yesterday as saying two factors might account for the strange burns.

- **The high proportion of magnesium in the alloy in the aircraft's frame gave an intense, almost instantaneous "flash" and resulted in invisible particles of magnesium compounds coming into contact with the skin of people exposed to the direct flash.**
- **The intense heat of the flash was sufficient to ignite nylon material at a distance so that women's clothing, in particular stockings, caught fire.—Reuter.**

Germany Stands Firm — Adenauer

Bonn, Dec. 29.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, said today West Germans would not "be forced to their knees or give up their demand for German reunification by slanderous Russian propaganda."

He said once the question of German reunification was solved there would no longer be any obstacle to long-standing good relations between West Germany and Russia.

"However, as long as the Soviet Union tramples on the vital rights of the German people for the sake of certain interests of its own, as she has done in relation to Berlin, such a development will be impossible," Dr Adenauer said.

The Chancellor added if there were any deviation from the principles of perseverance and patience in efforts to secure German reunification these would be "used by the Soviet Union to the disadvantage of the German people."

This would not only delay reunification but represent a "deathly danger" for the whole free world, he said.—Reuter.

Life Of Leisure

London, Dec. 29.

A boy of 15 and his 16-year-old brother told a London juvenile court today that they did not work because they always stayed in bed at their lodgings until tea time.

Then they went to their mother's home to watch television.—Reuter.

Thinking Machine Developed

Washington, Dec. 29.

The Westinghouse Electric Corp. won an award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) tonight for developing a machine with the human ability to choose between right and wrong decisions.

The "Optimizing Control" machine, known as "Opcon," gained Westinghouse the AAAS' industrial science achievement award as a new concept in the robot field.

The AAAS said the Opcon "replaces the pre-set, routine functions performed by a conventional (electronic control) system with the human-like process of reaching a logical conclusion through experiment.

Judgments

"Translated into practical hardware, this idea becomes a machine which discovers for itself the difference between right and wrong decisions and makes impartial judgments based on its own experience," the AAAS said.—U.P.I.

TONS OF PENNIES VANISH YEARLY

Melbourne, Dec. 29.

The Australian penny is posing a "first class mystery—millions are vanishing every year—and the Commonwealth Bank is baffled.

A Princess And Her Dog

The Royal Family left Liverpool Street station for Sandringham where they spent the traditional family party at Christmas.

Photo shows Princess Margaret leading some of her dogs at Liverpool Street station.

Ban Lifted

Djakarta, Dec. 29.

Indonesia had lifted a ban on her nationals travelling to Singapore, reliable sources said here today.

A senior government official said the week old ban was lifted on December 24.—Reuter.

New U.S. Flag

Gettysburg, Dec. 29.

President Eisenhower will proclaim formally this week the entrance of Alaska to the Union as the 49th state and at the same time announce the design of the new American flag, press secretary James C. Hagerty said today.—UPI.

Dulles To Stay In Jamaica

Washington, Dec. 29.

American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will spend New Year's Day in Jamaica and will return to Washington on Saturday, it was officially announced today.

Official circles said Dulles who was stricken with an inflamation of the large intestine at the beginning of the month was now completely recovered.—France-Presse.

Actor In Court

Hollywood, Dec. 29.

Actor Dan Dailey, 46, pleaded innocent today to a drunken driving charge and jury trial was set for February 5 in Van Nuy's Municipal Court.

Mints Ready For New French Note Issue

Paris, Dec. 29.

Workers in the Government Bank Note shop and mint stood by today to start rolling out new "heavy" franc bank notes and coins.

The order to start work on the new currency was expected by the administration of the Bank of France and the State Mint perhaps after tomorrow's special cabinet meeting.

Informed sources reported the new banknotes would resemble current francs "like two eggs."

But two zeros will be knocked off to comply with the Government decision that the new franc would be worth 100 old francs.

Thus for example the new 10-franc banknote will bear the likeness of Cardinal Richelieu like the current 1,000-franc banknote, only the figures would be different.

Gradual Change

The old currency will be withdrawn gradually. Until the changeover is completed by the end of next year, old "light" banknotes will still be valid.

The new coins will be made of silver, nickel and bronze.

The replacement of the current coins will be much more difficult than the paper currency changeover.

Officials said there are 4,000,000,000 coins in circulation in France: two billion pieces of one, two and five francs; 1½ billion of 50, 20, and 10-franc coins and 500,000,000 pieces of 100 francs.

Less Coins

The State Mint, which has 40 presses, turns out an average 600,000,000 coins annually.

It would take the mint seven years if it had to replace all current coins in circulation.

But the establishment of the heavy franc will sharply reduce the number of coins.

It was expected there would be no pieces of one centime, which equals the one franc.—U.P.I.

New Machine Gun

New York, Dec. 29.

The first new machine gun since World War II came off the Springfield armoury production line today.

The M-60, designed to take standardised 7.62 mm Nato cartridges, was designed to replace U.S. machine guns now in use.

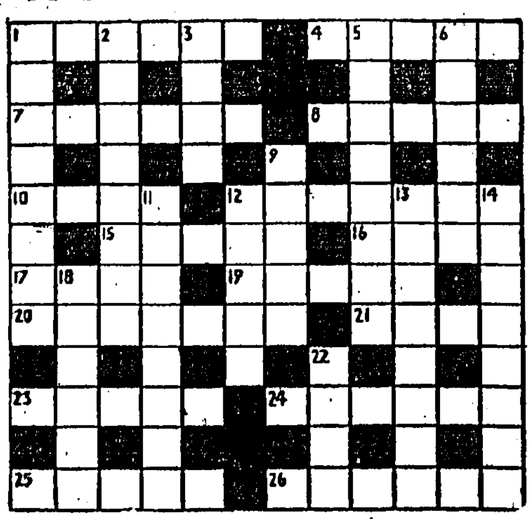
The 23-pound weapon, adopted by U.S. authorities nearly two years ago, is gas-operated, link-belt fed and capable of firing 550 rounds per minute from hip, shoulder or tripod.—U.P.I.

Scot MP Dies

Edinburgh, Dec. 29.

Conservative Member of Parliament for Galloway since 1931, Mr John Hamilton Mackie, died today at his home.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Soldiers, when old! (6).
4 Blackleg (5).
7 Thoroughfare for exploring? (6).
8 Residence for the sick in Virginia? (5)
10 Swallow (4).
12 Represent as similar (7).
15 Overhanging roof-edge (5).
16 Black (4).
17 It floats in the water after a wreck (4).
19 Brings up (5).
20 Colonist who pays? (7).
21 Go up in the air (4).
23 Couples in Paris (5).
24 Time of the Fall (6).
25 Untidy (5).
26 La, She's gone all operatic! (6).

DOWN

1 If the unfortunate horse has them, he does (8).
2 Sinister-looking command (4, 4).
3 All in France seek custom (4).
5 Might the barber be all at sea with these? (8).
6 Dance-jacket (6).
9 A model difficulty?—(5).
11 —and here are the models! (8).
12 Corn goddess (5).
13 Unqualified (8).
14 The way in to charm (6).
16 Charge with gas (6).
22 Goddess has an impossible date! (4).

MONDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 3 Crackers, 8 Unique, 9 Barbecue, 11 Presidio, 12 Crop, 13 Album, 16 Easel, 19 Sour, 22 Diligent, 24 Upper cut, 25 Reader, 26 Scrapped. **Down:** 1 Dumps, 2 Piper, 3 Cubic-le, 4 Read, 5 Cube, 6 Encore, 7 Sleepy, 10 Remus, 14 Basic, 15 Merited, 16 Issues, 17 Supper, 20 Bonds, 21 Stern, 22 Drop, 23 Lure.

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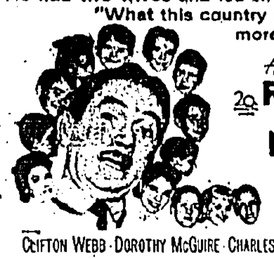

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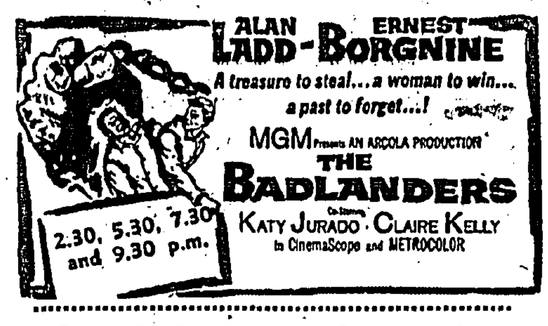

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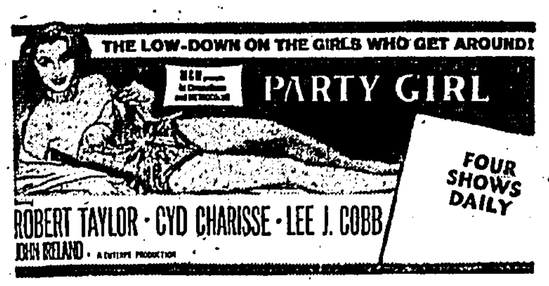

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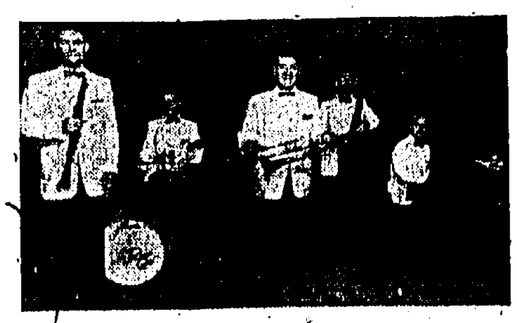

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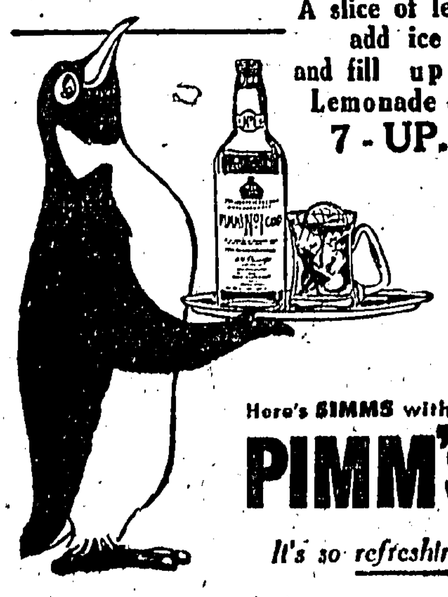

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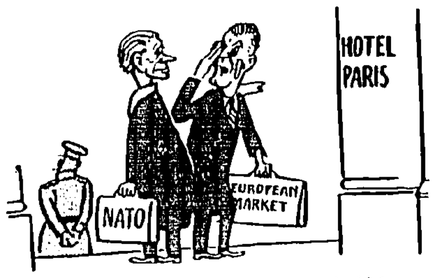
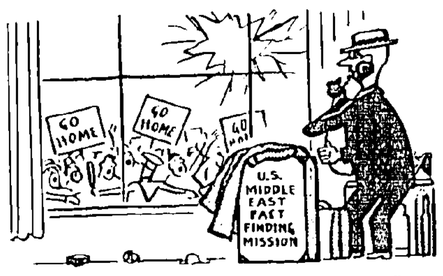


"After the meeting, there's a nice little bistro on the Left Bank where you can get a good raw steak!"



"Mr. President? Mission accomplished . . ."

"Put down what you earn, what commitments you have, then you sign and I witness."

LOGAN GOURLAY

Most Eligible Miss No. 2 on...Marriage

I HAVE been talking to the second most celebrated eligible spinster in the English-speaking countries. (You know who the first is?) I mean, of course, **Miss Sharman Douglas**, socialite, founder member of the original **Princess Margaret** set, daughter of the ex-American Ambassador in London.

She has been holidaying in Britain, revisiting Clarence House and other homes of distinction.

She took time off to have lunch with me in a club of distinction not a coronet's throw from the Palace.

She said, waiting for oeuf benedictine, her one and only course:—

"Yes they're still asking me when I'm going to marry. And I'm still saying I don't know I haven't anyone in mind.

"I think my family have given me up. At one time they probably expected me to marry somebody very eligible. Now they're just waiting for me to marry. Period."

One of the most endearing things about the boldly endearing Miss Douglas is her ability to laugh at herself.

She went on: "Do you like my new hair style? I always wear it this way now. Pulled right back. Ever since a friend—a girl friend—told me it made my face look different. I said, 'How do you mean different?' And she said, 'Well, it does something for your nose. Makes it look as though it's in the right place.'"

Appealing

I suspect, though I've no authority for saying so, that this kind of self-deprecating humour must be very appealing to Miss Douglas's other friends, like Princess Margaret.

Her royal friendship is a subject about which Miss Douglas is wisely, and necessarily, discreet.

But she did say something about her visit to the theatre this week with the Princess's party.

"There were one or two minor disasters. First of all I forgot the tickets. Then the lift which took us down to the bar at the interval got stuck between floors.

One of the lift victims was the young American man whom Miss Douglas had chosen as her escort for the evening. Appropriately his name is **Hal Prince.**

Mr Prince has escorted Miss Douglas on several occasions during her visit. But, of course, they're "not engaged or anything." She's not likely to become a Prince by marriage.

"I haven't even got a job at the moment, apart from a husband. I got myself fired."

Minor Disasters

The facts are that Miss Douglas who was gainfully employed by a leading public relations firm in Hollywood decided to resign for reasons of her own.

"I don't know what I'll do next.

"I want to open a restaurant in London. A very special kind. Like the Beachcomber's in Hollywood. And Trader Vic's in New York. You know, all the drinks are exotic rum concoctions served in coconut shells. The atmosphere and decor all very Hawaiian. Bamboo poles. Twangy music. Hula skirts. The lot.

We discussed a name for the new restaurant. I suggested the Royal Hawaiian.

All that's needed now is the backing.

Memo to Charles Clore, Charles Forte, and other capitalists and bachelors: Miss Douglas is open to offers. Mainly financial.

Diving to Maidenhead, I passed a second-hand car dealer's with one car (a sports model) displayed prominently on a stand. Above it a large notice said: "Every day you pass this car it gets £10 cheaper."
It didn't say cheaper than what.

WHO PAYS?

NOW that Princess Margaret is back on the social and night-club carousel, you may be wondering who pays for it all.

For this week's theatre visit, when she saw "The Elder Statesman," the tickets, as mentioned above, were left behind by Miss Sharman Douglas.

She had made the booking, so presumably she paid the bill.

After "The Elder Statesman," the party went to Mayfair's Milroy Club, where the Princess can relax without attracting stares.

There was considerable competition among the members of the party — including Miss Douglas and **Colin Tennant**—about who should pay the Milroy bill (which includes £1 a head cover charge).

I don't know who won. But the Princess stayed from 12.30 to 3.30 a.m. and spent at least two hours on the crowded dance floor.

Incidentally, she danced only to **Paul Adam** and band, never to the other, South American, band.

You might conclude that this means she is an ardent fan of Paul Adam and band.

Mr Adam would agree emphatically.

NOT ME!

A GENTLEMAN (I'm assuming that's the sex) hides behind the pen-name of Taper when he writes for the Spectator, the weekly for top and lower people, intellectuals and pseudo-intellectuals.

In this week's piece describing a visit to County Hall to hear the London County Council in session he writes: "I saw many strange sights and heard many strange sounds..."

That's right, Taper, you did.

They included . . . "Logan Gourlay (though only in the Press seats) wearing quite the frightfullest camel-hair coat I ever set eyes on..."

I wasn't in County Hall on that afternoon. I have never been in County Hall on any afternoon. With or without camel coat.

Telling us how he got there, Taper says: "I had a quick, wild and lovely moment when I decided I wouldn't get off the bus. And I didn't...."

That's right, Taper, you didn't.

THE AWARD

I THINK **Mr and Mrs James Mason** deserve—richly deserve—some kind of award for the latest development in the bringing-up of their awfully precocious daughter **Portland.**

As announced the other day they celebrated her birthday by taking her to buy her first bra and girdle. It was her 10th birthday.

I'm not sure what the parents should get as their reward.

Straitjackets perhaps.

Minor mystery: I was charged 8d. when I made a local phone call from the Savoy Hotel the other day. But in Claridge's, which is under the same management and which they consider even superior to the Savoy, I was charged 6d. for another local call. Why? I don't expect an answer from the management.

Nowhere's a starlet with a *mind!*

BETH ROGAN . . . "I'M STILL TENSED UP."

THEY all complain about being called starlets though they usually say they don't want "to be stars too soon."

But Beth Rogan is a starlet, star to be, or aspiring actress, who can at least lay legitimate claim to other professional labels. Like commercial artist.

She is also one of the few starlets I've met who sounds, as well as looks, attractive, whose eloquence statistics include a full-sized mind, whose eloquence is not entirely sensual.

She says: "Acting is more of a challenge to me than painting and drawing.

HER BOOK

"And I suppose acting is more ego-satisfying. I have to be honest and admit that mine needs a fair amount of satisfying and feeding.

"But if there's no acting to do I go back to the easel."

She has just returned from a holiday in Rome, where she spent some time at the easel. But she was also tested for a film and she may return soon to play in it. It's called "The Soft Life."

About her life as a starlet she is planning to write a book and illustrate it herself. She has some hardish, satirical things to say.

She was under contract to the Rank Organisation for two years.

They changed her name from Jennifer Puckle, and she can't blame them for that, though she thinks Beth Rogan makes her sound like a fugitive from an imported TV cowboy serial.

She was too rebellious and individualistic for the Rankery of starlets.

"You have to conform. And I'm strictly a nonconformist.

"They tried to give me the full treatement and some of it was useful, but not all.

"I got a dose of the Method. I was told once to give myself completely to the table. I remember it was a table with fluted legs.

"I was also sent to a centre to learn how to relax and overcome my inhibitions. The first thing that happened was I was told to lie down while someone ran their fingers over my face and body to find the tension spots.

"I'm still fairly tensed up."

Several members of the Rankery of starlets have been receiving the same treatment in the centre. Its full name is the Centre for Psychosomatic Re-education.

I suggest that some of the Rank executives should also be sent for psychosomatic re-education.

ROUND-UP

MARTIAL MUSIC

THERE are 13 entries in the competition to find a possible Territorial Army march. It is open to Directors of Music, both Regular and Territorial, as part of the T. A. Golden Jubilee celebrations. The entries will be judged at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, Twickenham, Middlesex, by Lieutenant-Colonel F. Dunn, Principal Director of Music, Royal Marines, and Wing-Commander A. Sims, R.A.F. Organising Director of Music. The winning composition stands a good chance of being recommended for adoption as the Territorial Army March.

SILENT BELL

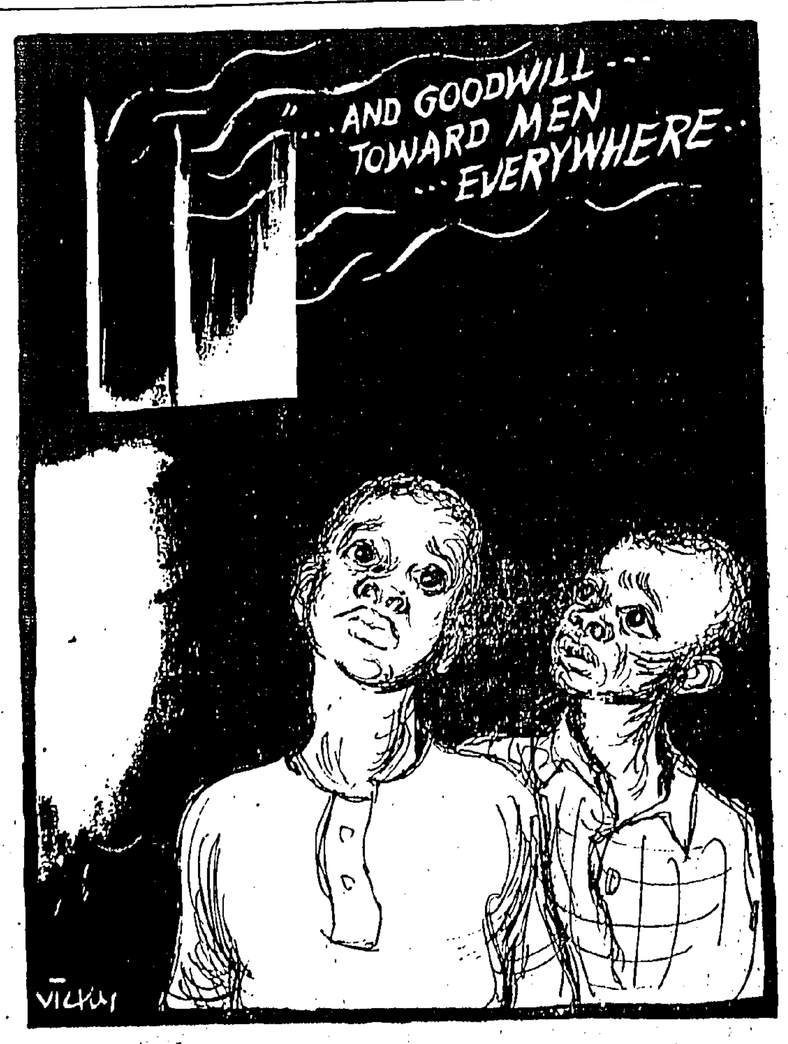
A BELL that is never rung hangs in the foyer of the council chamber at Greenwich. But it has not always been silent for it came from H.M.S. Greenwich, a destroyer depot ship that saw service in both world wars. The council "adopted" the ship during the last war and were presented with the bell when she went out of commission. Recently the council obtained another souvenir from H.M.S. Greenwich—the ship's crest. Now it is displayed in the foyer below the silent bell.

"ROUTE MARCHES"

MR Robert Killing-Beck, headmaster of Crome Secondary Modern School, Norwich, wants parents to provide the boys with stout walking boots. He is arranging week-end "route marches" for his 200 pupils. The distances will be anything up to ten miles. He added, "I am planning to take a bus load of the boys to tour the Lake District on a geological survey next year. Each week-end boys will be given a place in Norfolk to walk to and a task, such as inspecting what is growing in a field or recording geographical information about the place so that we will know they have been there." From time to time a member of the school staff will be at the spot to ensure that no boys cycle there or go by bus.

BETTER SUMMER

FIRST results of a 1958 home holiday survey indicate that British resorts had a slightly better season than in 1947. Most resorts reported more staying visitors. The survey showed that 54 per cent of British people had a holiday away from home in 1958. Although this did not represent a remarkable change, it was the highest figure reached in all the sample surveys of British holiday-making since 1949 despite the inclement summer weather. Fourteen per cent of holiday-makers went abroad, a large increase over the last four years. The most significant change in the regional pattern of holiday-making was the increase in travel to Wales.



A VOICE FROM OUTER SPACE

TWO NEGRO BOYS, AGED NINE AND TEN, HAVE BEEN SENT TO A REFORMATORY IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR KISSING A WHITE GIRL.

WOMANSENSE

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND....

VERONICA PAPWORTH

PRESENTING . . .
THE £100,000 PICTURE

The girl who has EVERYTHING

● Take a long, close look at the picture on the left. You are looking at £100,000 worth of trappings. It is the most fabulous and undoubtedly the most costly fashion picture of the year.

This is The Girl Who Has Everything.

★ Russian sables —infinitely smarter than mink.
★ A dress that is cobwebbed with jewelled embroidery.
★ Three perfectly matched strings of gleaming pearls
★ Rainbow shimmer of diamonds—solitaire earrings, a bracelet all fire and ice and a blinding, square-cut ring.

And the setting?

Our 20th Century Beauty reclines on an 18th Century sofa—part of a signed three-piece set by Jacob.

Behind her—the millionaire's favourite bibelot—a French impressionist painting. This one by Bonnard.

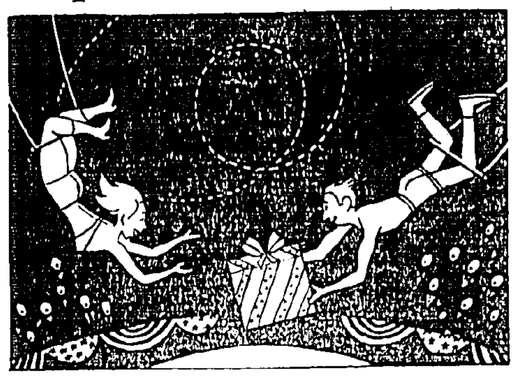
Now for the sting in the tail of the story—the BILL.

Dress by Norman Hartnell	125 gns.
Furs by the Queen's furrier, Calman Links	£5,000
Jewels by Cartier	£66,250
Setting by Frank Partridge:—	
Sofa and two chairs	£7,500
Painting	£25,000

—(London Express Service).

WOMAN'S WORLD

Optical Illusion Is a Gift



IF you are holding this page at normal distance from your eyes, it'll appear that the acrobat is holding on to the gift he chose for his wife. But if you move the page steadily closer to your eyes, you'll see that actually he is placing it in her hands.

YOUR BIRTHDAY .... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

BORN today you have a bright friendly personality yet at times you are a little too introspective for your own best good. Since you have a deep interest and considerable talent in the arts you may spend the early part of your life trying to discover the best medium in which to express your own talents. You have a deeply spiritual nature and everything that you do is likely to be motivated by this aspect of your thinking. You often become disillusioned and even despondent if things do not go as you believe they should. Don't spend your life waiting for things to turn up, make them happen as you want them to.

You have a good head for business matters, but you are not aggressive enough to settle into business for yourself. Your ideas are good, but you need someone as a partner who is more "pushy" to get ahead in this highly competitive society in which we are now living. You can go a long way toward cultivating more self-confidence yourself, and, as success comes to you, the chances are you will become more positive in your attitude toward life. You are too much inclined to sit back and say, "So, what?" and then mope in private over your failures.

Your ties of home and family are very strong and it is likely that you will want to wed at an early age and have a large family of your own. Attractive to members of the opposite sex, you must be sure to select your mate carefully. Haste in marriage could bring regret later on.

Among those born on this date are Pablo Casals, cellist; John Peter Altgeld, jurist and legislator; Rudyard Kipling, author; Stephen Leacock, humorist; Alfred E. Smith, New York Governor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

CAPRICORN (Dec 23-Jan 20)—Happy New Year's Eve! Take time out to make a few good resolutions, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)—Could be you will meet some friends you may not have seen for a considerable time.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)—If planning to be out of town for the week-end, make as early a start today as you can.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)—A conference, held today, may prove important to your future, so give it your full attention.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)—If members of the armed services have leave for the week-end, plan a pleasant stay for them.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Take advantage of the fact this is your best day of the week. Have a gala time this evening.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A letter you write today could prove important to your future, so be careful in what you say.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Could be you need to make a few good resolves about the next year's budget. Do it now!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Take a forward, not a backward, look. Next year should be a lot better for you!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Investigate a problem which may have been troubling you lately. Find all the answers, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good time to take care of business matters. Wind up the old year satisfactorily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Money problems can be solved with care today. Face facts and act on them now.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Teddy And Mr. Merlin

—The Magician Plays A Trick On The Fat Bear—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, came bumbling into the room.

Knarf and Hanid, the Shadowa with the Turned-About Names, hardly had time to turn around and say: "Hi, Teddy!" when they were surprised to see him dive under the couch.

The Cat chased the Mouse down the cellar stairs.

The next minute, Mr Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, came into the room.

"Did you see anything of that fat Bear?" he asked Knarf and Hanid.

Under The Couch

He's under the couch!" Knarf said.

At this, Teddy's voice sounded from under the couch, saying: "No! No! I'm not here!"

"Come out of there, you silly Bear," said Mr Merlin. "I'm not going to hurt you."

"Teddy's not here," Teddy's voice said again.

Knarf and Hanid and Mr Merlin reached under the couch. They grabbed Teddy's legs and pulled him out. But Teddy did his best to stay as far away as possible from Mr Merlin.

Needs A Bear's Tail

"Keep away! Keep away!" Teddy kept saying.

"But, Teddy, my boy," said Mr Merlin, "you can't walk around with a Mouse's tail. You're a Bear! You need a Bear's tail!"

It was now that Knarf and Hanid noticed that their friend Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, had a Mouse's tail behind him instead of his own regular Bear's tail.

At this, Knarf and Hanid and Mr Merlin all burst out laughing.

Finally, Teddy started laughing himself. It was really funny for a Bear to have a Mouse's tail.

Small And Fast

Then Mr Merlin explained what had happened.

"Teddy came to me about an hour ago and said he was tired of being a big, fat Bear. What he wanted to be was something small and fast."

"So he changed me into a Mouse," said Teddy. "That's what he did! He changed me into a Mouse!"

"I did indeed," said Mr Merlin. "I changed him into a Mouse from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail. Tell what happened, Teddy! Go ahead."

"Well," said Teddy. "I was changed into a Mouse all right. At first I liked it fine. Instead of having to bumble around the room, I ran up and down as fast as a flash. It was wonderful! But then something awful happened.

"What happened?" Knarf asked Teddy.

Here Mr Merlin burst out laughing, louder than before.

"I decided to play a little trick on Teddy," he said. "So I changed myself into a Cat. Then we started to play a game of tag. Didn't we, Teddy?"

Awful Experience

"It was awful," said Teddy. "I ran out of the room the minute I saw that Cat. I raced down the stairs into the cellar. The Cat came right after me. I dived this way and I dived that way. The Cat jumped right after me. And all of a sudden, I saw a little hole in the cellar wall. I ran straight into it."

"But you left your tail outside," said Mr Merlin.

Then Mr Merlin explained that he had tied Teddy's Mouse tail into a knot so that when, a little later, he had changed Teddy back into a Bear again, the Mouse tail still remained.

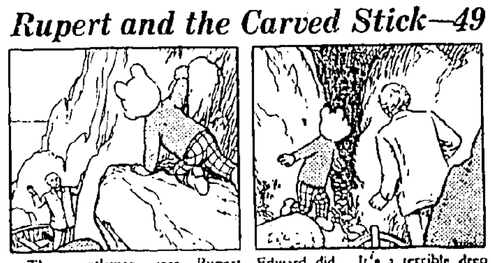
"Oh dear," said Hanid to Teddy, "you'd better let Mr Merlin change your tail back, too."

It took Mr Merlin no time at all to change Teddy's Mouse tail back to a Bear tail. All he did was snap his fingers and the job was done.

"You really are a Magnificent Magician, Mr Merlin," Knarf and Hanid told him.

But Teddy didn't think so!

Rupert and the Carved Stick—49



The gentleman sees Rupert scrambling back. "Well, did you find anything up there? Is there a "highest rock"? And . . ." "Yes," interrupts Rupert, ". . . We found what must be the hiding place for your treasure. At least, Edward did. It's a terrible deep hole and he slithered into it and can't get out!" As he speaks there is another noise and they both turn towards the crack in the cliff. "That's Edward's voice," cries Rupert, hurrying to the gap.

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JACOBY on BRIDGE

A GREAT deal of Larceny Lou's success comes from his reputation. His opponents always suspect that Lou is up to some trick, but they never know just what trick Lou may be up to. Today he is sitting West.

His first two passes were quite proper. Lou's passes always are; it is his bids that surprise.

Certainly his jump to two spades had little to commend it. Lou had one king, a queen, a jack and a four-card suit. There was some merit to his double of four hearts. Lou knew his partner would hold that suit. As for his five-club double the only favourable thing that can be said is that it worked.

South won Lou's spade opening in dummy and led the ten of clubs. East ducked and so did South. Now South went into conference and decided that Lou was staying off with the king of clubs. South led the queen of hearts and everyone ducked.

Another huddle by South and out came dummy's jack of hearts.

At this point the ceiling fell on South. Lou ruffed that second heart lead and put his partner in by underleading his king of spades. East led a third heart and Lou ruffed with his last little trump.

NORTH 15	
	♠ A 4
	♥ Q J 6
	♦ J 10 7 6 5
	♣ Q 10 2
WEST (D)	EAST
♠ K J 9 6	♠ Q 10 8 5 3
♥ 7	♥ K 9 5 4 3
♦ Q 9 8 4 3	♦ 2
♣ 9 6 3	♣ K 4
SOUTH	
	♠ 7 2
	♥ A 10 8 2
	♦ A K
	♣ A J 8 7 5

North and south vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	1 ♦	Double	Redbl.
2 ♠	3 ♣	3 ♠	4 ♥
Double	Pass	Pass	5 ♣
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♠ 6

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Double	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Double	Pass	?

You, South, hold:
♠Q 10 9 6 4 ♥3 2 ♦7 6 ♣10 9 7 5
What do you do?

A—**Bid two spades. This clearly tells your partner that you hold a bad hand with five spades in it.**

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠8 2 ♥K J 8 6 4 ♦6 5 ♣J 9 7 6
What do you do?

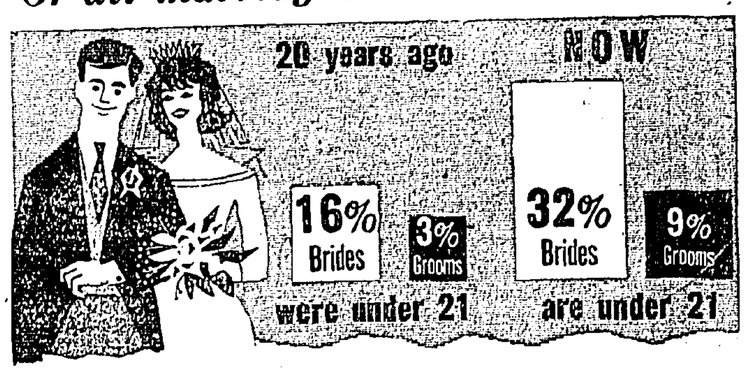
Answer Tomorrow

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

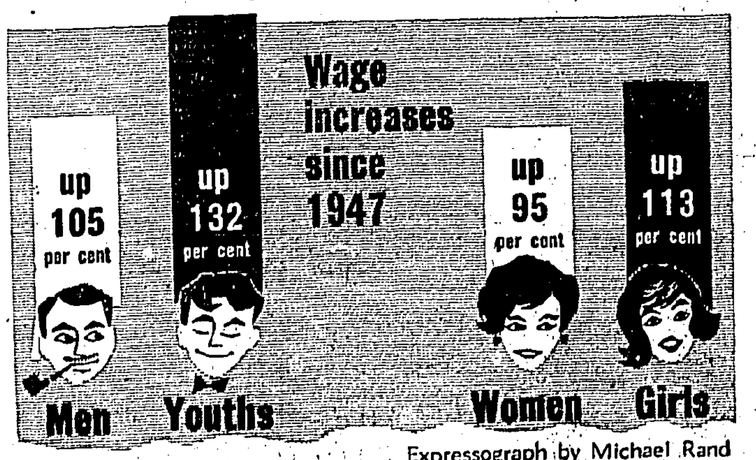
"My doll can't get to sleep without HER doll!"

When teenagers fall in love

Of all marriages . . .



and here is one reason why there are more teenage marriages



Expressograph by Michael Rand

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Contrary to some thinking, silk can be hand-laundered well.

Wash it carefully in lukewarm suds, rinse and blot with a towel, then press with an iron that is barely warm. Laundered this way, silk should last for years.

* * *

You'll be a fresh, clear-minded hostess even when giving a large dinner party if you make out a time chart for your preparations. List in advance the times at which cake should be put in, meat should start cooking, water glasses be filled and so forth.

Story Book Debut By 16-Year-Old

Preston's 16-year-old goalkeeper John Barton saves from Arsenal inside-right Vic Groves, making his return after injury, in the first division match at Highbury, London, last week.

Barton, ground-staff boy who has jumped from fourth to first team duty, was given his chance in this match because Preston's other goalkeepers were on the injured list.

Arsenal lost this match by 1-2.—Reuterphoto.

FAIR WOOD WINS INDIAN 2,000 GUINEAS

[illegible] of Lehmancult, Fair Wood, won the Indian 2,000 guineas run over one mile here on Sunday.

Fair Wood started 5-2 on favourite for this second classic of the Bombay season and won by three and a half lengths. Roshan was second, with Counsellor a short head away third in a field of ten. China Mail Special.

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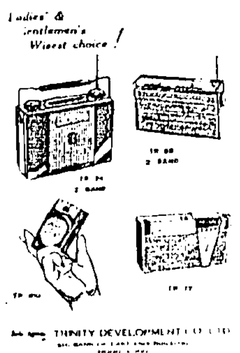

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CONFUSION AT WORLD BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Santiago, Dec. 29.

International politics and inter-American confusion today clouded plans for the coming world basketball tournament here.

The international politics part of it developed when Taiwan was pitted against Russia in the preliminary play-offs of the tournament, which opens here on January 16 comes here indicated the two countries might prefer separate pairings inasmuch as they do not maintain diplomatic relations.

Unacceptable

An even bigger question was whether Panama would participate in the tournament as scheduled. Panama is supposed to play in the central-American and Caribbean games at Caracas at the same time of the world tournament here.

Panama reportedly is willing to send a six-man team here, a proposal, Savino Aguad, President of the Chilean Basketball Federation, branded today a unacceptable. At the same time, Puerto Rico has insisted it should replace Panama in the world tourney since Puerto Rico has older membership in the International Basketball Federation.

Senor Aguad today asked the Federation President, William Jones, to come here ahead of schedule in an attempt to iron out the difficulties.

Presumably the withdrawal of Panama would necessitate new drawing for the three-elimination playoffs.

Besides Panama, Russia and Taiwan other nations scheduled to participate are the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, United Arab Republic, Philippines, Bulgaria, Mexico, Canada and the host country, Chile.—U.P.I.

RUSSIAN ICE HOCKEY TEAM DUE IN U.S.

New York Dec 29

The Soviet ice hockey team which is scheduled to make an American tour is awaited at the New York airport here today.

On January 1, the Soviet players will play the National American team at Madison Square Gardens, New York.

Other match dates are:

Minneapolis January 3 and 4.

Detroit January 6

Colorado Springs January 9 and 10.

Boston January 12

Philadelphia January 14.

The Soviet team will then return by air to the Soviet Union. France-Presse.

FORMER SCHOOLBOYS' TENNIS CHAMPION

Ho Cheong-po Leaving For US On Scholarship

Ho Cheong-po, the former schoolboy tennis champion, second son of Mr and Mrs Ho Ka-lau will be leaving on the s.s. "President Cleveland" on January 1 for further studies in Chaffey College, Ontario, California where he has been granted a tuition-free scholarship. He will study pre-medical courses in that College.

He won the Schoolboys doubles championship with Ng Man-cheung in 1953 when he was 15 years old and in the following two years, 1954 and 1955, he won the Schoolboys Singles Championship.

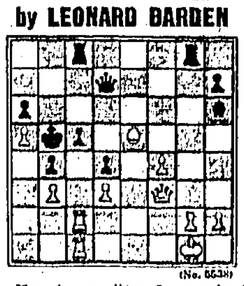
UNDEFEATED

He retained the Doubles Championship with Ng Man-cheung for four years, 1953-56, retiring undefeated after Ng Man-cheung's graduation. He lost the Schoolboys singles championship to Michael Lo in 1956 but regained the title in 1957.

He took part in six of the "Leal Senado" Cup Interport Tennis Competitions against Macau between 1955-58 and achieved a remarkable record of having won every singles and doubles match. He has been turning up regularly for CRC in the Men's "A" and "B" and the Mixed "A" and "B" Divisions. He is one of the most promising juniors and if time permits he will seek the coaching of Tom S. Stow of Berkeley to improve his game.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



(No. 5538)

Here is a position from actual play: White to move and win.

Solution No. 5537: 1 Q—D2, QxB; 2 Kt—B4, or KxKt; 2 Kt—K1, or RxB; 3 Q—K3, or Kt×B; 2 Q-Q4, or Kt—B6; 2 Q—K1.

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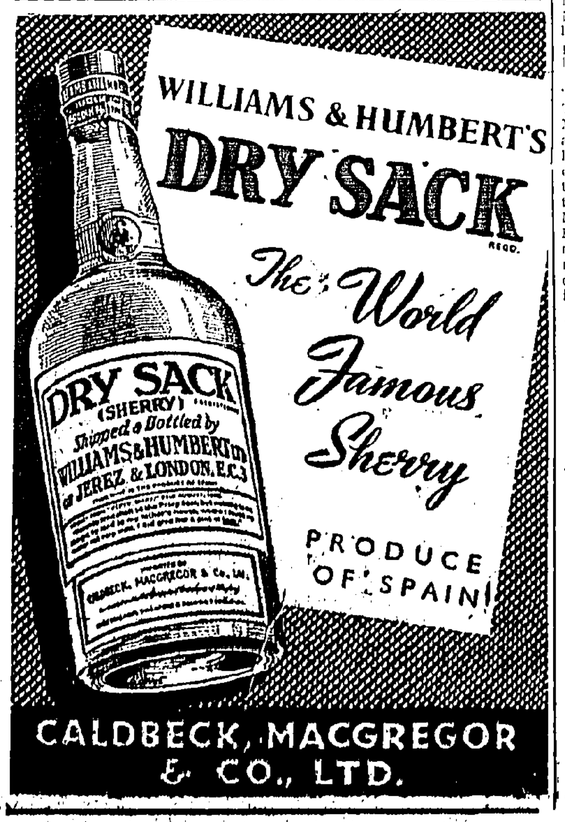

I'M COMING TO THE END OF THE ROAD

But Dare I Become A Football Manager?

By TOM FINNEY

(Of Preston North End and England)

I've followed the League trail for 13 years. Now, at long last, I can glimpse the end of the road.

It is still several seasons away, but inevitably it's there and so I must think of the future. What lies ahead for me?

I would like to stay in football. But do I dare?

Can a man with a wife and a family afford to gamble on the chancy career of managership?

Every month, I hear that yet another famous name has tumbled from office. More than two-thirds of the managers are sacked at least once. Long service, loyalty and past successes provide little security.

Consider, for example, the sad story behind the 1955 and 1957 Cup Finals. Newcastle and Aston Villa were the victorious teams.

For their managers, these should have been magic moments, the climax of their careers.

But for Newcastle's Duggie Livingstone and Villa's Eric Houghton, Wembley proved the prelude to trouble. One by one, they joined the queue of out-of-work managers.

Just why do so many heads roll?

Chief cause, I'm sure, is that most managers today are placed in an impossible position. Their job depends upon the single-minded pursuit of success. Yet they have continually to battle with their own directors.

Picked By Directors

In my opinion, every manager should have complete control over the playing side of his club. But in British League football, less than 50 per cent of managers can make such a claim.

In some cases, the entire team is virtually picked by the directors. What a strange situation this is. Tactics and team selection nowadays are such skilled tasks that few men ever master them.

The average director, I fear, has little chance of succeeding where even top-line experts sometimes fail.

Let's face it. To become a director one needs no knowledge of football whatsoever—just the necessary cash to buy sufficient shares.

Managers' Laments

Football is filled with the laments of managers and I must confess that every time I think of my future I remember such words as these:

BILL GODGIN (Former manager of Fulham and Brentford): You don't have to make mistakes in this job. The directors are all too ready to make them for you and then pass the responsibility across.

ALAN BROWN (formerly of Burnley, now with Sunderland): This is the toughest and loneliest job of all. You are out on your own and no one will weep if you fail.

DALLY DUNCAN (ex-Luton now Blackburn): When I was a player, I used to envy managers. A man never knows how wrong he can be.

And most vividly of all, I remember meeting Andy Beatty at Deepdale when Huddersfield were sliding back towards the Second Division.

.... Then Forgotten

In the previous season, they had been promoted and Andy was lionised. But six months later, all that was forgotten.

I had known him well in his Preston days as a calm, unruffled character and could barely believe the change brought about by the cares of managership.

He was an unhappy man and although not the type to complain, he was bitterly hurt by the ease with which men forget.

Shortly he was to retire from the game, swearing that he'd never again be a manager. But Andy, like so many others, found that a difficult promise to keep and he is now manager of Fourth Division side Carlisle United.

To me, this is one of the mysteries of football. Although it's obviously so precarious a career, every vacant manager's post draws in hundreds of applicants. Many of them have no real practical experience of the game at all.

Often they are school-teachers, sergeant-majors or businessmen. Everybody, it seems, is convinced he can manage a Soccer team. Few realise the pitfalls that lie ahead.

Big Business

Why does this friction exist between so many boards and so many managers?

The answer, I'm sure, is that football is becoming very big business. With transfer fees rocketing to heights which would have seemed fantastic a few years ago, there is a lot of money to be won and lost in the board-rooms.

Quite naturally, the directors consider they have a right to protect their own interests. And quite rightly they expect to have the last word in the club's financial affairs.

Tempted To Meddle

Is it surprising that they sometimes feel tempted to meddle with the manager's playing policy? For their own cash depends largely upon his decisions.

That, of course, is the hub of the problem. In many cases, finance comes before club loyalty. Yet in the long run, this is a very short-sighted policy.

Nearly all the success stories in soccer have been written by managers who were allowed to run their team unfettered and with the full support of their board.

Perhaps one day I, too, will have the opportunity to do that. But be that as it may, one thing is certain.

I'll never stray far away from football. If I'm not on the inside—come Saturday, I'll be there up in the Deepdale stands.

Quote Of The Week

Arthur Milton (England opening batsman, asked why he had forsaken football for cricket): I became an ex-soccer international at 22. So I had the choice of being a young cricketer or a footballing veteran.

MCC's Batting And Bowling Averages

Adelaide, Dec. 30.

Peter May and Tom Graveney are running neck and neck in the MCC batting averages and will enter the second Test, beginning in Melbourne on Wednesday, with only six runs difference between them.

May tops the list with 686 runs in 13 innings for an average of 57.16 to squeeze out Graveney, who has scored 692 runs in 16 innings for figures of 53.23.

Jim Laker heads the bowling with 26 wickets at 15.03 apiece. He is followed by Peter Loader, his Surrey colleague, with 18 wickets at 17.61.

Tony Lock, another Surrey player, has most wickets with 29 at 22.44 each and takes fifth place.

Following are the averages:—

BATTING

		I	NO	R	HS	Av
P	May	13	1	686	140	57.16
T	Graveney	16	3	692	111	53.23
M	C Cowdrey	17	4	522	100	40.15
N	Subba Row	6	1	204	83	37.71
R	Swetman	10	3	256	73	36.57
T	E Bailey	13	3	342	71	34.20
C	A. Milton	20	2	606	116	33.66
P	J Loader	7	0	29	11	29.00
P	E Richardson	17	0	461	15	27.11
W	Watson	7	0	171	43	24.42
F	S Trueman	9	1	102	53	22.73
R	Dexter	5	0	80	39	17.09
T	G Evans	6	0	103	59	17.50
J	B. Statham	6	1	71	27	14.20
G	A R Lock	9	0	119	44	13.22
J	B Mortimore	3	1	26	17	13.00
F	Tyson	7	0	73	13	10.14
J	C Laker	8	1	73	15	10.42

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av
Laker	181.4	45	391	26	15.03
Loader	115.5	22	317	18	17.61
Trueman	151.5	19	445	22	20.22
Statham	109	20	275	13	21.15
Lock	233.6	80	651	29	22.44
Tyson	134.4	24	413	11	37.54
Bailey	106	21	273	7	39.00
Dexter	26	3	93	2	46.50
Mortimore	62	16	144	3	48.00
Graveney	16	1	80	1	80.00
Also bowled:					
Cowdrey	3	0	17	1	
Milton	4	0	33	0	

—China Mail Special.

MAGAZINE NAMES RAFER JOHNSON AS 'SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR'

New York, Dec. 29.

Rafer Johnson, who set a world decathlon record in Moscow last July, today was named "Sportsman Of The Year" by Sports Illustrated magazine.

The 24-year-old UCLA senior will be honoured on January 7 at a banquet in Los Angeles, where he will be presented with a Grecian urn trophy.

Johnson set a world record of 8,302 points in beating Russia's previous record-holder, Vasily Kuznetosov, in a meet last summer.

According to the magazine, Johnson emerged "the athletic wonder of both the Western and Eastern worlds" as a result of the feat.—U.P.I.

ENGAGED

CHRIS BRASHER

SHIRLEY BLOOMER

Healing, Dec. 29.

The British tennis star, Shirley Bloomer, is engaged to marry the British distance runner, Christopher Brasher, Miss Bloomer's mother announced today.

Brasher won the Olympic 3,000 metres steeplechase in Melbourne.—U.P.I.

CANADIAN CHALLENGE FOR WORLD SPEEDBOAT SUPREMACY

London, Ontario, Dec. 29.

A former world speedboat record holder, Mr Jim Thompson, has filed a challenge for the Armsworth trophy, emblem of world speedboat supremacy next year.

Work will begin this week on a new unlimited class hydroplane which Mr Thompson has designed for the challenge. It is expected to be completed by next April.

Thompson's new boat will have 2,000 horsepower Rolls Royce Griffon engines imported from England.

Mr Bob Finlayson, Commodore of the Canadian Boating Federation, said there was a possibility that Donald Campbell, British holder of the world record for jet-propelled craft, might also build a propeller-driven challenger for the trophy next year.—Reuter.

Archie Moore Disappointed At Choice Of 'Boxer Of Year'

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.

World light-heavyweight boxing champion, Archie Moore, said today that he was very disappointed that he was not chosen as the best boxer of the year by the influential American "Ring Magazine."

"Ring" chose Swedish boxer, Ingemar Johansson as the boxer of the year, followed by Sugar Ray Robinson and Moore.

Moore said he could not believe it when he read that Johansson had been chosen.

He said, "If the fight contest that I made against Durelle didn't earn me the fighter of the year award, nothing that I hope to do will ever win it for me.... time is running out on me as an athlete....It saddens me that Fleisher (editor of "Ring") would make me take a backward seat to a novice, young and as yet untested.

"Fleischer also deliberately insulted me when he ranked me behind Sugar Ray Robinson."—France-Presse.

Pro-Celebrity Golf Tourney In Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.

Stars of the entertainment and sports world will team with the nation's top golf pros in the $5,000 pro-celebrity golf tournament here tomorrow—the prelude to the $40,000 Los Angeles open, which starts on Friday.

Among the show business people will be Bob Hope, Burt Lancaster, Ray Bolger, Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland, Jim Garner, Guy Madison, John Raitt, Ed Gardner, Richard Coogan, Mickey Rooney, Johnny Weismuller, Desi Arnaz, Phil Harris, Howard Keel and Curt Massey.

From the world of sports will come Frankie Albert, Duke Snider, Bob Lemon, Ralph Kiner and Hank Sauer.

The professional golfers will include the top names who will go in the tournament proper—Tommy Bolt, Masters Champion Arnold Palmer, Billy Casper, Jackie Burke, Dow Finsterwald, Ken Venturi, Gene Littler, Bob Rosburg and E. J. (Dutch) Harrison.—U.P.I.

US Invitation To Johansson Withdrawn

New York, Dec. 29.

The Boxing Journalists Association, has withdrawn its invitation to Swedish boxer Ingemar Johansson to visit New York, as an indirect result of the New York newspaper strike it was learned today.

Johansson and his manager, Edwyn Ahlquist were to have come to New York on January 11, where the European heavyweight champion was to receive "Ring Magazine's" 1958 trophy as best boxer of the year.

The expenses of the trip were to have been paid by television impressario Ed Sullivan, who planned to have the two Swedes as guests on his show.

But the newspaper strike upset Sullivan's plans and he had to give up his idea, leading the Boxing Journalist Association, in turn, to cancel its invitation.—France-Presse.

OFF THE CUFF

I hear that Real Madrid are prepared to pay about £100,000 for Brazil's 18-year-old inside-forward PELE ... JACK KELSEY, the Arsenal and Wales goalkeeper, is making a reputation for himself as a weight-lifter ... Close friends of former Newcastle and England centre-forward JACKIE MILBURN—now playing with Linfield in the Irish League—are convinced he will return to English football in the New Year ... Spurs are expected to make a big signing shortly.

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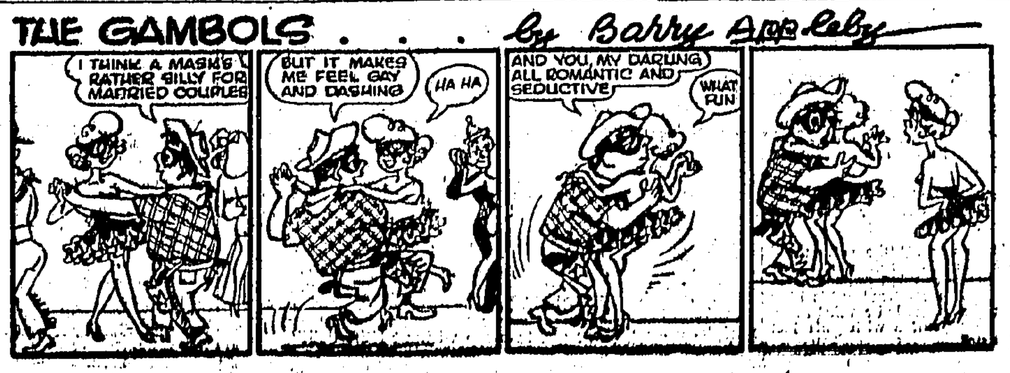
THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



Roy Paul Gives A Cup Warning

By Stanley Matthews

I'M glad to see my old friend Roy Paul leading Worcester City out of the shadows of non-League football into the limelight of F.A. Cup success. For Roy, who is 39, has known the heartache and the triumph of Wembley on Cup Final day.

He took Manchester City to two Finals. They lost to Newcastle in 1955 and then beat Birmingham the following year.

Now the former Welsh international wing-half and captain comes back in a determined bid to take Worcester City along the road he knew so well.

"I am really enjoying my football," he told me. "What a thrill it is to be in the Cup again. I never thought when I packed Worcester that I would be back in big Soccer so soon."

No Relaxing

The Worcester team train twice a week under floodlights, but Paul does his training at Ely Gelli, South Wales, home four times a week.

"You have to keep on when you are my age if you wish to keep 100 per cent fit. You simply can't let up," he told me.

How right you are, Roy. I know that feeling only too well.

Cup fever grips the citizens of Worcester. Before the tie with Millwall, a local farmer popped his head into the dressing-room and shouted: "Win today, boys, and there is a chicken each for you." **He paid up.**

Because they slammed Millwall 5-2, the team now get a fish-and-chip supper free every night at a local restaurant.

"We are having our best season," Roy said.

Won't Find It Easy

We meet Liverpool in the next Cup round. They won't find it easy. I feel we have a great chance of getting into the fourth round."

There are other Worcester players who know how tough Cup football can be. Reg Potts, the left back, played for Port Vale in the memorable semi-final against West Bromwich.

There is also Eddie Farran, a Scottish inside right who formerly played for Aston Villa.

Worcester are compact and tough. They will be a real test for Liverpool on January 10 and the genius of Roy Paul will be difficult to control.

CHARLIE MITTEN . . .

He aims to recapture Cup glory

Worst Golf Moments

THE DAY J. H. TAYLOR TOOK A SEVEN IN THE OPEN

By JOHN INGHAM

Britain's grand old man of golf, 87-year-old John Henry Taylor, five times Open Champion and an honorary life member of the Royal and Ancient, vividly recalls his worst moment.

Medes, "J. H.", who rocketed to fame in 1890, still follows the golf world from his home in Bideford, North Devon.

His ambition was to win the championship six times, but the great Harry Vardon stood in his way during the historic Open at Prestwick, in 1914.

'I Fumbled'

Clad in thick jackets and woollen caps the pair set off together for the last round with Vardon two shots behind Taylor.

Disaster came at the fourth hole the Pow Burn when Taylor bunkered his tee shot.

Huge crowds surged back as Taylor stepped into the sand. "My nerve at that time was badly on edge," Taylor tells me. "The result was I fumbled the shot badly and failed to clear the ball, eventually taking seven.

From there I was a beaten man as Vardon won."

One final memory. "I shall never forget the agonised expression of the referee as he watched my feeble performance in that bunker." The referee was his friend, the late Leslie Balfour Melville, former amateur champion.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Meeting

HKFA Interport Sub-Committee Meeting, Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Racing

First Day of Sixth Race Meeting, Happy Valley, Noon.

Cricket

Triangular Tournament HKCC v RAF-RN, Chater Road.

Race Walking

Hongkong Race Walking Association, 10 Kilometres Road Race.

MAGICAL MITTEN PUTS AN END TO NEWCASTLE FEUDS

By ALAN HOBY

ST JAMES'S PARK, Newcastle, stood shrouded and silent in the December murk.

As I walked into the famous ground with its four giant floodlight pylons towering above me like grey sentinels, a small boy approached and said: "Are you a football manager, mister?"

"No," I replied, "but I'm going to see one."

"You mean Mr Mitten?" said the boy eagerly. Then, before I could reply, he went on, in the familiar tone old friends adopt when discussing one another:—

"You'll find him up there. He's *ALL RIGHT* . . . . ."

Now why do I report this brief encounter on Icy Tyneside recently?

Because my young Geordie friend was only echoing what thousands of Soccer-crazy Newcastle fans think about United's new manager—the unorthodox and imperturbable **Mr CHARLES MITTEN**, ex-Manchester United star, ex-£5,000-a-year Bogota "rebel," ex-Fulham wing wizard, and ex-Mansfield Town player-manager.

Rangoon-Born

For in the few months he has been there Charlie Mitten at 37 the youngest manager in the game—has turned St James's upside down and inside out. Without fuss or furore he has worked the most astonishing transformation scene in Soccer.

When this Rangoon-born son of a Royal Scots regimental sergeant-major first arrived in the North-East last summer, he stepped straight into a cockpit of trouble.

He found a team which had been swept out of the Cup at home by Scunthorpe from the Third Division; a team which finished one point above the basement sides in the First Division.

He found a club torn by intrigue, suspicion, and backroom bickering. He found gates had slumped. He found players' morale at "rock bottom."

Gone was the greatness which had won Newcastle three Cup Finals since the war. Gone the poise and assurance which swept them to successive victories at Wembley.

Lavish Spending

Disgruntled stars seldom knew from week to week if they were going to play. There was no Youth Plan.

And, in a club notorious for its wealth and lavish spending, the players' kit was as out-of-date as the tram—faded, non-porous, with long, old-fashioned sleeves and pants.

Just to add the final grotesque touch, the club which has plunged more than £400,000 on players since the war did not possess one new football—just 14 shabby old balls.

But was Charlie Mitten worried by all this? Was he concerned at occupying what has been described as one of the hottest "hot seats" in Soccer? Not at all.

Tough Talk

"I knew what I was coming to," he told me in his even way as we sat in his smart, centrally heated office with its modern decor.

"I knew that this was no easy manager's job. I knew there was friction and whispering. But who wants a yes-man's job? I can't stand yes-men in sport any more than I can stand cowards in sport."

Tough talk? Yes, but then Charlie Mitten was bred in a tough academy.

"I played in Scottish junior football after my father, an Englishman, had retired to the Queen Victoria Military School at Dunblane, Perthshire," he told me.

"I'll never forget those days," he went on nostalgically.

"I played for Strathallan Hawthorn. We undressed in the bus—for safety.

New-Style Kit

"The clinker pitches were rough as hell and, sometimes, spectators pushed an umbrella through your legs as you ran down the touchline!"

But it all helped the young Mitten's football education—an education which has been rounded-out in England, Europe, South America, Canada, and the United States.

Today this all-round experience is paying off at Newcastle. They are in the top half of the table and looking forward to a long run in the Cup.

Mitten the Modernist has fixed up his team's kit. He has given them the latest Continental strip, borrowing from Moscow Dynamos the idea of white bands round the edge of their shorts.

This isn't a gimmick. It enables players to spot teammates while keeping their eye on the ball.

He has fixed up special schooling for the youngsters.

Every week under "Headmaster" Mitten, Newcastle's youngsters take paper and pen and answer a maze of questions on every aspect of the game.

Among the "pupils" is his own son John—"I'd better outside left than I'll ever be. No, he's not leaving. It's rubbish to say I would prefer him to go to another club.

"There's nothing wrong with a father-son relationship in football provided the son is good. John is good."

Ivor Fits In

The calm-eyed Geordie chief has also bought "the perfect type of footballer" in Ivor Allchurch from Swansea.

"Ivor is just beginning to fit in," says his boss, "and we should soon see results."

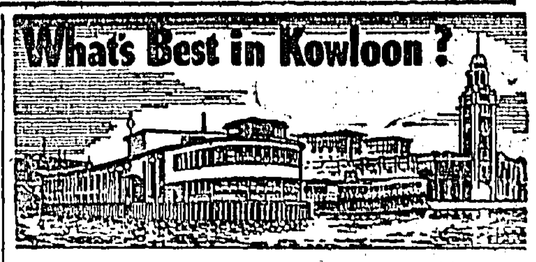
"In the old days Stan Seymour used to run the team," I said. "Did you have any interference when you took over?"

"There has been no interference from anyone," Mitten replied. "I'm friendly with everybody. That's what I'm aiming at here—friendship, not friction.

"I pick the team and my chairman, Alderman W. G. McKeag, a wonderful man, backs me to the hilt. Most important, however, in whatever success we've had is that I give every player a fair crack of the whip.

"But for heaven's sake don't blow *my* trumpet," he added. "I'm *not* for Charlie Mitten. I'm for Newcastle United. People here deserve a wonderful side and, by gum, they're going to get it."

What's Best in Kowloon?



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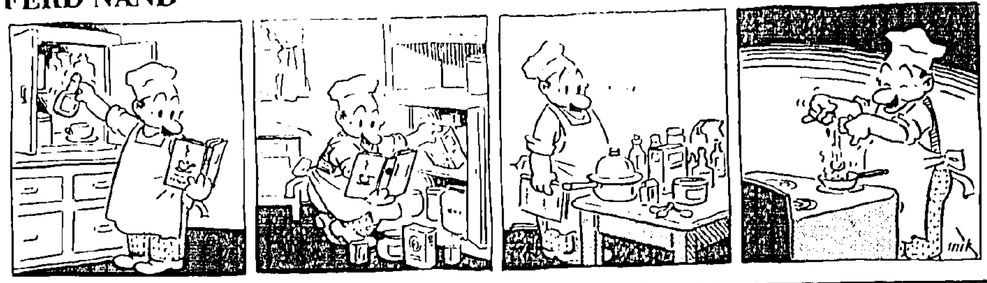

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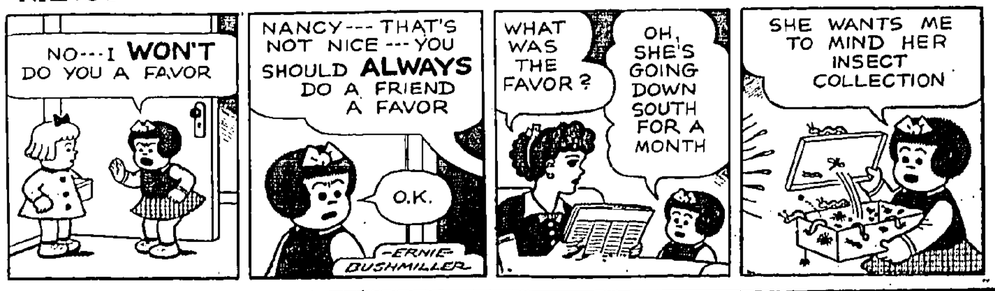

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BEGGING—A SKILLED JOB

Rome.

A beggars' training school, equipped with make-up kits, walking-sticks, crutches, wheel-chairs, and assorted clothing, has been discovered—and closed—by the police.

It would still be flourishing today if its director had not been so greedy.

Pasquale Pugliese, 40, from Naples, founded the school, organised its courses, and was its sole teacher.

And when police raided it they seized more than £500—Pugliese's 20 per cent "cut" on one day's collections by his scores of skilful "graduates."

Pugliese, born partially blind, started begging as a child.

He founded his beggars' training school in Rome a year ago, in two localities.

The administration and living quarters for out-of-town students were in the heart of the city.

Practical courses for trainees were held in a rented villa on the city's outskirts.

Pugliese made regular trips to Italy's impoverished south to recruit his students.

After a month's intensive training he sent them into the streets.

They were under a strict rule to give him a fifth of each day's takings.

Rules

Pugliese had a seven-point set of rules to be memorised. These stressed the importance of

- **Choosing a good pitch with plenty of people about.**
- **Looking people straight in the eye during begging operations.**
- **Make it clear the beggar was too ill or maimed to work.**
- **Wearing clean, but patched and frayed clothing.**
- **Keeping the hands and fingernails clean — but not too clean.**
- **Not overdoing facial expressions denoting misery.**

Students were taught how to assume a variety of "cripple" poses.

Spurious one-armed beggars learned how to hide their "missing arm" under a shirt by tying it behind the back with a belt.

Facial muscles were exercised until they could quickly assume the correct emaciated poses. "Blind men" were taught to roll their eyes with pathetic realism.

The school's downfall began when some students protested that Pugliese's 20 per cent on their earnings was too high.

Pugliese threatened to expose the rebels to the police. This infuriated a new recruit, 21-year-old Domenico Musone. He beat up Pugliese.

In hospital, bribed and bandaged, Pugliese denounced Musone to the police.

And that was the end of his training school.—Express Service.

Has Gun, Does Travel

Wyatt Earp, the famous television star, and "Marshal of Dodge City, in the person of Hugh O'Brien, has arrived in London. He is there for T.V. appearances and a stage show.

Wyatt brought with him his famous 14-inch Buntline Special, and had the surprise of his life when the police took this away from him when he landed at London Airport. It was returned to him after he had obtained a firearms permit.

Stan Got His New Car

THIS IS AMERICA

New York, Monday

TODAY was the funeral of Stanley Whitcavage of Ardsley, near Philadelphia. He died only 18 years old, a happy boy. And in his dying he helped to boost sales of M.G. sports cars.

I leave it to you to decide about this story.

Stanley had been ill for a year. Six months ago his illness was diagnosed as the blood disease leukemia. Eventually everyone but Stanley knew it was only a matter of time before he died.

Lying in bed one day, he called for his father. "Do you know what I'd like when I get better, dad?" he said. "One of those slick M.G. cars!"

Dad is a worker in the Philadelphia gasworks. He had no money for sports cars, but he walked straight over to the M.G. dealer, Waller Motors, in nearby Jenkintown.

He told them the story. Straightaway they said they would help.

A shiny, black M.G. hard-top was driven over to Whitcavage's home and parked in the driveway.

Stanley's dad told him: "There's your car, son. It's all yours, waiting for when you're better."

Every day Stanley would look out and see "his" car standing there. He died happy.

Now he's dead, Waller Motors have taken the M.G. back to their showroom for sale.

Well, I leave it to you.

Greetings

FEDERAL court Judge Francis Ford, of Boston, received a Christmas card from Boston bank robber Teddy Green. It came from Alcatraz, where Ford had sent Green for a 25-year sentence. The normal friendly greetings were omitted. The card simply read: "Wish you were here."

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THREE delightfully useless gadgets are upon us for Christmas:—

1. Palm-sized, high fidelity, high speed, all transistorised, one-battery operated, pocket tape recorder.

2. Battery - powered cocktail stirrer that lights up as it stirs—"for the fellow who prefers to mix dry martinis in the dark."

3. Musical hula hoop. It click-clacks as it spins.

★ ★ ★

ITALIAN film star Pier Angeli today divorced her husband, singer Vic Damone, at Santa Monica, California.

She is to receive their Beverly Hills home, a percentage of Damone's earnings—not to exceed 21,000 dollars (£7,500) a year—until 1960, and 500 dollars (£178) a month for their three-year-old son, Perry.

A CINCINNATI boy wrote to Father Christmas solemnly promising to be good, stay out of fights, and stop pushing and shoving. Then he asked for a punchbag.

A Dog's Life

OPENED yesterday: "The Doggery" in Beverly Hills, California, where you can buy a mink coat for your dog. Made to measure it comes at 475 dollars (£170).

There you can buy a solid gold neck chain for 52 dollars (£18), or a leather collar set with 10 yellow rhinestones for seven dollars (£2 10s.).

And there you'll find the doggy equivalent of a Rolls-Royce with cocktail cabinet. It's a wicker travelling bag, with the dog's name in rhinestones, a water bottle, a blanket, a leather toy for chewing, two tins of dog food, two plastic dishes, tin opener and spoon. All for 20 dollars and 50 cents (£9 10s.).

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SOMETHING every aeroplane-conscious U.S. business firm dreads happened. A twin-engined plane carrying five executives of the Johnson and Johnson Baby Powder Company crashed in a blizzard. All were killed.

Meathead

THE U.S. Army calls it: "Job performance potential programme." Everyone else calls it: "Operation Meathead." It is the army's plan to get rid of its barrackroom lumber.

A meathead in the old American word for the opposite to an egghead—a clot, a dolt, a fool.

In Washington, the Pentagon has decided that in this age of complex weapons and intellectual training programmes it does not want them.

The days of reluctant heroes sluggishly square-bashing, peeling potatoes, and sloping arms are over.

Operation Meathead has inaugurated a series of tough examinations and intelligence tests. Those who cannot pass are given the tactful push. "They get an honourable discharge and our best wishes," says an army spokesman.

The decision makes sense. The U.S. Army is being forcibly shrunk by defence cuts. Strength is now down to 900,000 men. The generals want the men they can keep to be bright, the men they lose to be stupid.

So far, 40,000 rock-bottom Regulars have been eased out of the Service.

Already, the army claims, the benefits are showing. There's a saving of 1,500,000 dollars (£535,00) previously spent on "transitional training"—battering rudimentary knowledge into the dullards.

And the number of volunteers among Regular soldiers for educational courses has risen 117 per cent. They may be meatheads, but they want to keep their army jobs.

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EACH U.S. family sent an average of 65 Christmas cards, each business 145, a card firm estimates.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We according to his promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.—II Peter 3:13.

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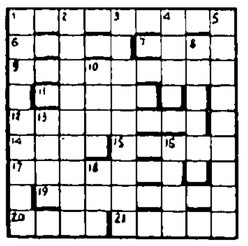

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6 Part of car engine (5)
9 Measure (4) & Landlords (7)
11 Without money (5)
12 Fruit dish (5,3)
14 Ring (4) 15, Rhyme (5)
17 Share. (7) 19 Flag (5)
20 Simple (4) 21 Textiles (5)

Down
1 Bitter fruit. (4-5)
2 Leading roles. (4,5)
3 Railway wagons (5-4)
4 Formerly (6)
5 Poor-watchers. (9)
8 Dairy produce (6)
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13 Vegetables (4)
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Yesterday's solution

The Russians Start To Move In On Both Flanks Of The Mid East

DIPLOMATS HAVE JOB IN GUINEA

From JOHN REDFERN

Conakry.

As the Frenchmen pack their bags in Guinea, the Russians are unpacking theirs. Recently Conakry, the capital, welcomed Comrade Peter and Comrade Paul—from Moscow via Khartoum.

Their directive: to get Russian influence working inside Prime Minister Sekou Toure's new-style republic, which he plans to base on Marxism, syndicalism, collectivism, and discipline.

Peter Guerrasimov and Paul Kaftanov are diplomats. Kaftanov, lean and watchful, speaks good French but no English. Guerrasimov good English but no French.

I met them at the hotel. Paul Kaftanov said: "We are here because we want to have a look at Conakry." I said that was much too simple.

He smiled and then confessed: "Well, we are both from Moscow. We are on a mission here. It will take a few days."

Follow China

Sekou Toure has been behind the Iron Curtain to Prague and Warsaw. He met some of the top Russians concerned with the indoctrination of likely African "liberators."

Recent speeches of this young Prime Minister suggest he is prepared to follow the Chinese Communist system of total direction of the population through the party organisation.

In Guinea that organisation is active in 4,000 villages. There is hardly any visible opposition.

Known critics of Sekou Toure have disappeared — to gaol, according to some of the Europeans.

Guinea's sudden divorce from France has brought all manner of people to Conakry.

Near the head of the queue was George Houser, executive of the American committee on Africa, an organisation concerned to speed up the freeing of Africa from "colonialism."

Krupps have had a man here. The Czechs have been here too. In the queue are Liberians, East Germans, and tonight the Commissioner of Labour from Sierra Leone.

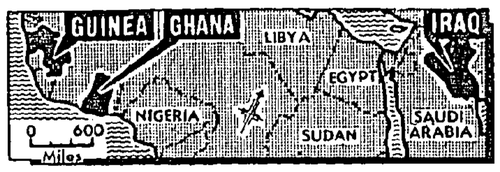
RUSSIAN TEAMS TO TRAIN IRAQIS

From GEOFFREY THURSBY

Beirut.

Teams of Russians are to go to Bagdad to teach the Iraqi Army to use the military equipment Russia is sending to Iraq.

Already one shipload of Russian arms has arrived at the Iraqi port of Bara. More arms are expected.



In Iraq and Guinea the Communists are at work.

News about the instructors has leaked out of Iraq.

At least one Russian has been seen at the Ministry of Defence in Bagdad. He is arranging for a Russian military mission to come to the country.

Sudden Move

The military team is part of a sudden Russian attempt to spread Communist influence in Iraq—particularly in the northern oilfields, whence Britain gets much of her oil.

The Communists are supporting Brigadier Abdul Karem Kassem, leader of the Iraqi revolution, in his stand against union with Colonel Nasser's United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria.

The Communists believe this is the best tactical line at the moment until they can seize power themselves.

Mail Notices

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
By Air
Formosa, Japan, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, Malaya, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, Dutch New Guinea, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

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HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names.

TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words, *good*; 33 words, *very good*; 39 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: [illegible] PLUTONIUM (i.e. a radioactive metal).

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE chairman yesterday addressed the court of inquiry. He said: "We have here the case of a trained egg operative who identified himself with his charges to such an extent that he took his place among them for a group photograph. I suggest that this action argues either a remarkable degree of loyalty and conscientiousness, or an equally remarkable lack of common sense and balance. There are limits to the expression of legitimate pride in one's work. One can grow too egg-minded. It must not be forgotten that every human face in a group of eggs displaces an egg in the photographic records, and thus disorganises the entire machinery of egg distribution. Mr Kippinge must be singularly unsophisticated not to have considered this point. I trust that in future he will try to mix with his fellow-beings, rather than with eggs."

In passing

I HAVE read at least seven thousand four hundred and sixty-nine articles with the refrain: "In a few years we shall have total immobility in our streets, because there will be twice as many cars as there are at present." Nobody, apparently, dares to suggest that fewer cars would mean greater mobility. One might imagine that there was some immutable law of nature by which more and more cars come on to the streets, and that men were not creatures with a free will, but the predestined slaves of stinking machines.

Cross purposes

"A MAN who sits down in a barber's chair and has his wig cut," said the magistrate, "should first tell the barber it is a wig. Are you bald?" "No," said the man, "but my hair didn't need cutting." "Did the wig need cutting?" asked the magistrate. "Yes," said the man. "It was too big for me." "Then why wear it?" queried the magistrate. "Having bought it," replied the man, "I could not afford a smaller one." "On future occasions," said the magistrate, "I advise you to wait till your hair needs cutting." "It would be cheaper to go bald," answered the man. "I can't afford a hair-cut and a wig-cut."

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LEE & ASTOR: "The Square Peg," starring Norman Wisdom.

HOOVER & PARAMOUNT: "The Badlanders," starring Alan Ladd and Ernest Borgnine.

STAR & METROPOLE: Michael Todd's "Around the World in Eighty Days," starring David Niven, Cantinflas and Robert Newton.

ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw," starring Kenneth More and Jayne Mansfield.

MAJESTIC & ORIENTAL: "In Love and War," starring Robert Wagner, Dana Wynter and Jeffrey Hunter.

RITZ: "The Long Haul," starring Victor Mature and Diana Dors.

GRAND: "Run Silent, Run Deep," starring Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster.

NIGHT SPOTS

PRINCESS GARDEN: "The Mexican Spitfire" Rita Ravell, magician Ken Littlewood, and Frankie Ferrer, the Dancing Balancer.

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ASTOR: Anthony Valentine at Hammond Organ with his Orchid Grove Melody.

MAXIMS: Dancer Nikki Lynn and the Hi-Fi Twins with music from Franco Trombetta and his Italian Combo.

PARAMOUNT: Jack Teagarden and his Combo, the Continental Revue and Giancarlo and his Italian Combo.

STAR: Flying Tiger acrobatic troupe with music by Tim Abelardo and his Trio and vocalist Felicidad.

BLUE HEAVEN: "The Mexican Spitfire," Rita Ravell, and Kong Sisters Acrobatic Trio. Music by Diag Rodriques and his Quintette. Vocalist: Estela.

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m., Not for Squares; 6, Time Signal, Le Deuil, Heure Francaise — "Retraite de Jan 1927"; 6.30, Vera Lynn Show; 6.58, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal, News; 7.10, Commentary; 7.15, "Man Trap"; 7.30, Puccini (1858-1924)—Excerpts from "Madame Butterfly"; 8.15, Take it from Here; 8.45, Letter from America—by Alistair Cooke; 9.00, Weather Report; 9, Time Signal, News & Home News from Britain; 9.15, Just a Year Ago—presented by Timothy Birch; 9.45, Masterpieces for the piano—introduced by Irene Yuen; 10.15, Night Cap—presented by Ted Thomas; 10.30, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio Newsreel 11.15, And So To Bed; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls The Tune; 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Partners In Song—The Hill Toppers; 4, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours—A Joni James And Johnny Mathis; 5, Children's Corner—Presented By Auntie Ray; 5.30, Progressive Jazz—Presented By Ray Cordeiro; 6, Sidney Torch And His Orchestra; 6.25, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Music By Kostelanetz; 6.45, My Other Love; 7, Time Signal And News; 7.09, Weather Forecast, Announcements And Interlude; 7.15, Mantovani Memories; 7.45, Inspector West; 8, Glenn Miller And His Orchestra; 8.15, Souvenir Songs; 8.30, On The Other Side—Presented By Nick Kendall; 9, Twenty-six Hours; 9.15, Digit-A-Day; 9.30, Mystery Is My Hobby—Episode 9; 10, Music On The Upbeat; 10.30, Music Hall; 11, Hop Press; 11.30, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude To Midnight; 12 Midnight, Close Down.

TELEVISION

6 p.m., Rama of the Jungle Series: Jon Hall in "Mystic Pawn"; 6.30, Children's Film (including Yesterday's Newsreel); 6.45, Tuesday Special Featuring Shirley Evans; 9, Close Down. 7.30, "His Honour, Homer Bell"; 7.55, Concert Miniature—Alexander Wong, tenor, accompanied By Nancy Ibe; 8.10, Stage 71, "Prairie-Dog Court"; 8.35, Ray Milland Show; 9, Newsreel; 9.15, Digit-A-Day"; 9.25, Playhouse Fifteen Presents "Follow-Up" Starring Frank Albertson, Anita Anton and Joseph Anthony; 9.40, Evening Feature—"Take It Big" Starring Jack Haley and Harriet Hilliard; 10.40, Late Night Final; Close Down.

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BOAC To Retain DC-7C Fleet

London.

THE British government has agreed that the British Overseas Airways Corporation should retain its fleet of American DC-7C airliners until the delivery of American Boeing 707 jet airliners.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons Mr Harold Watkinson, British Minister of Transport, said that this was conditional on the DC-7C airliners being re-exported when the delivery of the Boeings took place.

The government authorised BOAC in 1955 to buy 10 DC-7C aircraft provided they were sold when long-range Britannias became available.

EXPECTED

But, Mr Watkinson said BOAC expected that as a result of a growth in their North Atlantic traffic they would be able to employ the DC-7C aircraft as well as the Britannias until the extra capacity provided by the 15 Boeings on order became available in 1959 or 1960.

The BOAC placed an order for the Boeings to fill a gap until a British airliner capable of making non-stop scheduled flights between London and New York in both directions had been developed.—China Mail Special.

British Laid-Up Shipping Drops

London.

THE gross tonnage of British shipping laid-up for reasons other than repair dropped last month below the million mark for the first time in over five months, according to figures published here by the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping.

A total of 198 ships of 957,836 tons were idle in ports in Great Britain and Ireland including 38 tankers of 317,246 tons.

This compares with the previous month's figure of 211 ships laid up totalling 1,036,283 tons.

Seventy-two foreign ships including five tankers, totalling 488,220 tons, were also idle in British ports, the picture for foreign vessels since July has been much the same, the Chamber of Shipping reported.—China Mail Special.

China Building Up Airline Network

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

CHINA is building a network of domestic civilian airlines alongside with the nationwide extension of railways and highways, it was reported today.

The New China News Agency said there are already 18 locally run airlines in Inner Mongolia, Shensi, Shansi, Hopei, Sinkiang, Kansu, Chinghai, Heilung, Yunnan, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Anhwei and Shantung.

It said these 18 airlines cover over 3,600 miles. Most of these airlines were opened during the latter half of this year.—U.P.I.

France Curbs Orders For Foreign Ships

AN indication that permission for French shipping lines to place orders abroad is being restricted was given by the French Minister for Public Works at a Press conference.

M. Buron said that "a brake had been put" on purchases of shipping abroad, and that a recent purchase of eight trawlers from Polish shipyards had only been authorised as a counterpart of a Polish order for marine engines.

The Minister spoke reassuringly about the state of activity in French shipyards. Cancellation of orders, which presented a serious problem in some countries, had been held within "reasonable limits" in France thanks to the co-operative attitude of the shipping lines and the measures taken by the Government.

IMPROVEMENT

Among the steps which the Government was now considering, according to the Minister, were an increase in State aid to the shipyards to make their prices more competitive, and the improvement of long-term credit facilities for the industry.

M. Buron said French shipyards had maintained their share of world trade at around 4½ per cent, and that only 2 per cent of French-owned shipping was now laid up, compared with a world average of 10 per cent.

But the share of shipping under the French flag, passing to or from French ports had fallen from 50 per cent to 45.9 per cent in recent years, and must be increased.

Boeing-707s Claim New Speed Record

New York, Dec. 29.

PAN American Airways today claimed a new trans-Atlantic speed record by one of their Boeing-707 jet planes on a flight from London to New York.

The airline said the plane, which left London earlier today, was flight 101, carrying 80 passengers and ten crew. It made the flight non-stop in seven hours, 46 minutes, beating by 27 minutes the previous record, claimed earlier this month by another 707, the airline claimed.

According to the flight log, the giant plane flew at an average height of 39,000 feet, and at an average speed of 490 mph against an 18 mph head-wind.

BOAC have claimed no west-bound flight record for their Comet jets because they do not fly non-stop to New York.—Reuter.

Heat Protection

THE Republic concern, builders of many famous fighters, has been assigned by the United States Air Force to make a study of protective coatings for advanced aircraft, missiles and "spacecraft" to guard against the enormous heat of high speed flight.

To start with, they are experimenting with temperatures of up to 2,400 degrees—the sort of heat found at speeds around 3,300 m.p.h.

Currency Reforms Mainly Of Technical Nature

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Dec. 29.

The first thing that should be said about the Christmastide currency reforms is that they are mainly of a technical character.

So far as Sterling is concerned the unofficial system by which foreign holders of currently earned pounds could convert them into dollars at a very slight discount on the official rate which has been replaced by a system whereby those same pounds may be converted as a matter of right, at the full rate.

The second thing that should be said is that this change marks a big step forward along the road to freer trade and payments which began 13 years ago at Brettons Woods. It is for this reason that the move has been welcomed all over the world.

Exception

Until now the pound (like all the other main European currencies) has been inconvertible. That is to say, pounds earned by foreigners in the ordinary course of trade could not be exchanged for dollars. For obvious reasons an exception was made in the case of sterling earned by North Americans.

But convertibility "through the back door" has always been possible and for the past four years, the loss accepted by those using this method has been practically negligible.

Sterling earned in trade by foreigners other than North Americans (and some Latin-Americans) automatically become transferable. In other words it could be used by a foreign holder to finance trade with any other country in the world except those in the dollar area.

But through unofficial markets in New York and Zurich, it could be exchanged into dollars at "transferable sterling" rate. And as this rate has been supported by British authorities to within one per cent of the official rate since February, 1955, the cost to the seller of sterling has been very small indeed.

What has happened now is that official and transferable rates of exchange have been merged into one, and the convertibility of pounds into dollars is now the right of any holder outside the sterling area.

End Of EPU

External convertibility for the main European currencies means the end of the European Payments Union. Under this system all payments between the 17 countries of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation were settled monthly on a multi-lateral basis. The country whose monthly account was in debit paid three-quarters of its deficit in gold or dollars and was granted credit for the remaining quarter.

That system cannot be worked with convertible currencies. For a country that ran a deficit could obtain a cheap dollar finance between one settlement day and the next at the expense of other countries dollar reserves. Moreover, it could obtain convertible currencies on 25 per cent credit terms again at the other countries expense. So E.P.U. has now been replaced by a European Monetary Agreement which was drawn up three years ago in anticipation of the events of the past week-end. Under this agreement, a central fund of $600,000,000 will be set up from which debtor countries will be able to draw credit.

But this credit will not be extended automatically as in the E.P.U. system. It will be given at the discretion of the O.E.E.C., for a maximum period of two years. Settlements will be made monthly, but entirely in gold or dollars and at rates of exchange that will fluctuate between pre-determined limits.

No Reprisal

Another important change announced during the week-end is the exchange value of the French franc. This has been devalued by 17½ per cent to correct over-valuation of French exports which would have put France at a serious disadvantage when the Common Market begins to operate on January 1.

It has been suggested that Britain decided to make Sterling convertible as a reprisal against France for causing the breakdown of Britain's plan for a Free Trade Area to operate alongside the Common Market. This is simply not true. The proposal was fully discussed with Britain's European partners and the fact that the move was a concerted one, is proof that European Co-operation in economic affairs is still highly valued.

There can be no denying, however, that this spirit of co-operation has recently come under a great strain. When the Common Market of France, Germany, Holland, Italy and Belgium and Luxembourg begins to operate next Thursday, the other 11 countries of O.E.E.C., including Britain, face new dangers. Without a Free Trade Area, one bloc of countries will begin to discriminate against the exports of another bloc—with results that may be extremely serious.

Objection

Britain's main objection was on the grounds that France was raising certain import quotas to three per cent of her own national production of goods concerned and limiting the benefit to her partners in the Common Market.

This was considered a serious act of discrimination against Britain and was all the more resented because it was only made possible by the abnormally low level of France's "liberalised" trade.

The grounds for this objection have now been removed by France's decision to link the reform of the franc with the removal from quota restriction of 90 per cent of her trade with Western Europe.

But the basic difference of opinion remains and there is much hard bargaining ahead on the method of linking the Common market with 11 countries that remain outside.

Returning to the subject of convertibility, the fact that sterling is now a freer currency—and therefore more desirable—will bring only indirect benefits to Britons and other residents in the Sterling area.

Difference

But they should not have long to wait before they too feel the difference. Now that Sterling can be converted at will by non-residents all imports into the Sterling Area will be paid for in the equivalent of dollars. There is no longer any reason to restrict imports from North America on the grounds that they have to be paid for in hard currency.

The next move will be the gradual, removal of these restrictions so that eventually—and perhaps in the not too distant future—the pound will be just as convertible for residents in the Sterling area as it is now for foreigners. Sterling will then be just one step away from full convertibility—when holders are given the right to move capital freely between the Sterling area and the rest of the world.—London Express Service.

Trade Pact

Bagdad, Dec. 29.

Iraq and India tonight signed a trade agreement aimed at enlarging present trade between the two countries of Indian tea and Iraqi dates.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $454,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank	802½	810	60 @ 803; 127 @ 800
East Asia	202		
INSURANCES			
Union	70½		
Lombard	20.20		
Underwriters			600 @ 7.30
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.	1.175		300 @ 1,175
Wheelock	5.55	5.60	1000 @ 5.60
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock	45	46	
Provident, (O)	12.10	12.30	585 @ 12.10
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	21.60	21.80	500 @ 21.70
HK Land	30	30¼	200 @ 30¼; 1000 @ 30¼
Humphreys	15		
Realty	1.40	1.50	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.75	1.80	
Trust	1.625	1.66	
A. Tawah	2.420		
Sungala	2		
UTILITIES			
Tram	20.50		
Star Ferry	106		
Yaumati	93	93	200 @ 93; 50 @ 93; 50 @ 93
Yaumati	92	93	
C. Light (O)	10.20		50 @ 10.20
Electric (O)	24.80	25	1000 @ 24.90; 2000 @ 24.90
,, (N)	23½		
Macao E.	9.15		
Telephone	24.70		2000 @ 24.70
,, (Rts.)	7.60	7.65	3105 @ 7.60
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	23.40		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	16.10	16.30	3200 @ 16.20
Watson	12.90	13.20	
Lane, Craw.	14		
Kwong S. H.	143		
COTTONS			
Textiles	3.55		1000 @ 3.65
Nanyang	6.40		
INVESTMENTS			
Int. Inv.	5.20		150 @ 5.20
H.K. & F.E. Invest.	9.60		

LONDON CLOSES HIGHER

London, Dec. 29.

The stock market closed higher on a broad front today as traders welcomed the decision of convertibility of the pound sterling by the British Government.

British Governments jumped as much as eight shillings and the Consols leapt as much as 10 shillings.

After the initial flurry gilt-edged securities quieted down but closed near the all-time highs.

Industrials were high as they were strengthened by the investment demand.

American favourites, steel shares and engineering issues paced the higher section.

The foreign bond market was quiet but dollar stocks closed higher.—U.P.I.

Agreed Merchant Rates

Canadian Dollars: Maximum Selling 16-9/16, Minimum Buying 16-13/16 T/T; 16⅞ O/D.

Swiss Francs: Maximum Selling 74.

Belgian Francs: Maximum Selling 855.

West German Deutschemarks: Maximum Selling 71⅞.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rate:—

U.S. dollars (per $1)	5.73
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.98
Australian notes (per £1)	12.76
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	5.50
Siam ticals (per 100)	26.60
Singapore (Straits)	1.82

HEAVY BUSINESS ON NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 29.

Stocks carried the year-end rally ahead on heavy volume early today after the four-day Christmas holiday.

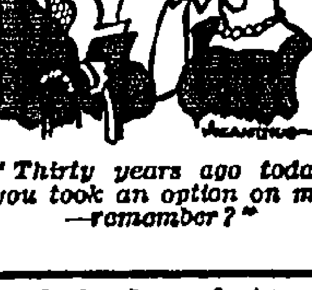
Volume for the first hour totalled 910,000 shares contrasted with only 580,000 shares in the same period on the day before Christmas.

High-priced International Business Machines was a feature with its gain of 17 points to $535 on a belated 1,400-share opening.

Individual specialities gained a point to three points while the general list showed fractional improvement.

Some of the chemicals were strong. Du Pont rose two points, Thiokol nearly three, Reichfield over a point. Goodyear rose 1½ points, Firestone 1¾ in the tyres. Motors were firm and active.

U.S. Steel climbed 2½ to feature a good steel section. Bethlehem gained nearly a point. Lukens 1¼, and Republic 1½ and National Steel nearly two points. Among non-ferrous metals, Anaconda and Reynolds rose around a point.


"Thirty years ago today you took an option on me —remember?"

London Express Service

Polaroid picked up over three points and there were gains of two points or more in American Telephone, Standard Packaging, Pacific Telephone.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	577.31
20 rails	150.50
15 utilities	90.26
65 stocks	200.59
40 bonds	86.22
Comm. future price index	150.60

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals	$ 94
Allied Mills Inc.	39½
Am. Brake Shoe	45
Am. Cable & Radio Corp.	8⅝
American Cyanamid Co.	51⅛
Amer. & Forgn. Power	17⅝
Am. Gas & Electric	53
Am. Home Prod.	127
Am. Mach. & Fdry.	54⅞
Am. Sugar Ref.	33⅞
American Tel & Tel	224⅛
American Tob. "B"	96¼
Anaconda Copper	61
Armco Steel	65⅛
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	13⅞
Beneficial Finance	20⅞
Bendix Aviation Corp.	71½
Benguet Cons.	1⅛
Bethlehem Steel	65½
Boeing Airplane	61¼
Borden (The) Co.	74⅞
Burroughs Add Machine	40⅞
Calif. Packing Corp.	48¾
Campbell Soup Co.	47⅛
Case (J. I.) Co.	20¼
Cat. Tractor	90¼
Celanese Corp.	29
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	56⅝
Chrysler Motors	50
Cluett Peabody	51¾
Colombian Carbon Co.	40
Consolidated Edison	63
Continental Oil of Del.	63¼
Diamond Alkali	48
Douglas Aircraft	50⅞
Dow Chemicals	75⅝
Dupont de Nemours	205
Eastman Kodak	142¾
El Paso National Gas	33⅞
Family Finance Corp.	29
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	134½
First Nat. City Bank	74⅞
Ford Motor	49¾
General Dynamics	64½
General Electric	49¾
General Motors	70⅛
Gen. Pub. Util.	32¾
Gen. Tyre & Rubber	40⅝
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	81¼
Goodyear Tyre	120
Grumman Aircraft	22¾
Gulf Oil	125¾
Heyden Newport Corp.	13¾
Homestake Mining Co.	44½
Ingersoll-Rand	90
Interchemical Corp.	50
Int'l Harvester	40
International Nickel	87
International Paper	110½
John-Manville Co.	50⅜
Kaiser Industry	12⅞
Kennecott Copper	97
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	80⅝
Lowenstein & Sons.	15⅝
McDermott J. Ray	51
McDonnell Aircraft (Am. Stock Exge.)	35⅞
Mesabi Iron Corp.	47
Monsanto Chemical Co.	39½
Motorola Inc.	89½
National Biscuit Co.	49¾
National Dairy Prod.	48¼
National Steel Corp.	76⅝
Norfolk & Western Ry.	87¼
North Amer. Aviation	43¾
North-west Airlines (Com.)	30
Olin Mathieson	44⅝
Owen-Illinois Glass	87
Oxford Paper Co.	32½
Pan American Airways	22⅞
Penny J. C. Co.	108
Penn. Salt Co.	82⅛
Philip Morris	61¼
Procter & Gamble Co.	74
Publicker Industries	13⅛
Pure Oil	42⅝
Radio Corp. Pref.	70⅜
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	39⅝
Shell Oil Co.	83
Saint Reg. Paper	45⅞
Socony Mobil Oil	47⅝
Solar Aircraft	21
South Puerto Rico Sugar	33⅛
Southern Co. (The)	37⅛
Southern National Gas	42⅛
Southern Railway (Com.)	55⅞
Steep Rock (Toronto Exge.)	12½
Sunshine Mining	7⅝
Textron Inc.	20⅞
Tide Water Asm. Oil	23½
Time Inc.	67
Tri-Cont. Warrants	29
Twentieth Century Fox Film	38⅞
Union Oil of Cal.	48¼
United Fruit	40
United Gas Corp.	40½
U.S. Lime Co.	30⅝
U.S. Steel	78¼
U.S. Steel 7 P.C. PF	147¾
Westinghouse Electric	73
Western Union Tel. Co.	32⅞
West Va. Pulp & Paper	42⅞

—U.P.I.

Singapore Market

Singapore, Dec. 30.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$2.13
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	40s
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	28s
Fraser & Neave Ltd Ord.	$1.59
Fraser & Neave Ltd Ord. 7½% cum. pref	$4.15
Gammons (Malaya) Ltd.	$1.71
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$425 *
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	3s 6d
Kampas Ltd.	$1.60
Kuala Kampar Tin	28s 9d
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	$1
Malayan Breweries	$2.80
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$2.70
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$1.83
Raffles Hotel	$1.17½ †
Singapore Cold Storage	$0.83½
Straits Trading	$1.59
Straits Steamship	$0.70
United Engineers Ord.	$0.95
Wearne Bros.	$1.46

* cumdiv; † ex-all. — China Mail Special.

COMMODITY PRICES

RUBBER

NEW YORK

Rex rubber futures today closed 8 to 22 points lower with sales of one contract.

Closing prices:

Jan.	30.02
Mar.	29.90
May	29.72
July	29.52
Sept.	29.40
Nov.	29.30
Jan.	29.20

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was easy today. Quotations were all unchanged.

SINGAPORE

The market opened slightly higher but with buyers disinterested. It eased to around the previous level on extremely quiet market later in the day. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Jan.	83¾-84¼
	Feb.	84⅛-84⅝
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Jan.	81⅝-82⅛
No. 3 rubber per lb.	Jan.	81-81½
No. 4 rubber per lb.	Jan.	79½-80½
Spot rubber unbaled		83½-84
Blanket crepe		76-78
No. 1 pale crepe		83½-84

LONDON

The rubber market was mixed with spot quoted at 24-7/10 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	24⅝-24¾
Settlement house term:	
Feb.	24-24½
Mar.	24⅝-24¾
July/Sept.	24⅞-24⅞
Oct./Dec.	20⅛-20⅝
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
Jan. and Feb.	24⅝-24⅞
Estate crepe thin Jan.	23
Estate crepe thick Jan.	20⅞

—U.P.I.

METALS

LONDON

The tin market was quiet while other metals were firmer and steady. Prices closed at the end of the unofficial afternoon session, all in sterling per long ton, were as follows:

		Buyers	Sellers
Tin	spot	752	753
	3-month	754½	755
Copper	spot	223½	224
	3-month	223	223½
Lead 2nd half Dec.		72¼	73
Lead 2nd half Mar.		72¼	73
Zinc 2nd half Dec.		70	70½
Zinc 2nd half Mar.		72¾	73¼

—U.P.I.

COTTON

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

American Contract	
Dec./Jan.	22.30
Mar./April	22.80
May/June	21.87
July/Aug.	20.80
Oct./Nov.	20.30
Dec./Jan.	20.50
Mixed Contract	
Dec./Jan.	23.30
Mar./April	22.30
May/June	21.87
July/Aug.	20.00
Oct./Nov.	19.90
Dec./Jan.	19.00

New York, New Orleans and Sao Paulo cotton prices were unavailable today.—U.P.I.

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Dep:	Shimizu	27th January	4.00 p.m.
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"SOMALI"	6th January	13th February
"CORFU"	9th January	9th February
"SALSETTE"	2nd February	17th March.

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
*"SOUDAN"	6th January	19th February
"CANTON"	14th January	14th February
†"CHUSAN"	2nd February	4th March
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MANSLAUGHTER TERM CUT BY TWO YEARS

The Full Court this morning ordered a reduction of two years from the eight-year sentence passed on Tsoi Shu-fat, 49, a lorry driver, who was convicted by a jury of the manslaughter of his uncle and sentenced by Mr Justice A.D. Scholes at the last session.

Tsoi was charged with the murder of Tsoi Wan. The Jury found him guilty of manslaughter and recommended mercy.

It was alleged at the trial that Tsoi attacked his uncle with an iron bar and inflicted injuries from which he later died.

In his appeal for reduction of sentence, the appellant told the Court this morning that he was "quite old" now, and when he had served out the sentence he would be too old to work as a driver again. He had already wound up his business and his children during this period would be without education.

"I hope your Lordships will sympathise with me," he pleaded.

Tsoi added that he had never committed any other offence in Hongkong where he was born 49 years ago.

Mr George Willis, Crown Counsel, said that appellant bore an exemplary character prior to the incident and that he had no previous record.

Crown Counsel said that he would like to draw their Lordships' attention to the fact that the Jury had recommended leniency.

In answer to the Court Mr Willis said that the attack was apparently done on the spur of the moment and that there was considerable provocation.

The Chief Justice, Sir Michael Hogan, who sat with Mr Justice C. W. Reece and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Full Court said that the Court had taken into account what the appellant had said and considered the evidence as recorded in the summing up of the Trial Judge.

Clear Account

His Lordship said that apart from the quarrel between the deceased and the appellant's wife, the only clear account of what actually occurred between the appellant and his uncle was appellant's own account.

From that account which was not contradicted it appeared that the deceased was in fact the aggressor and that the appellant did receive a considerable measure of provocation.

The Jury had made a strong recommendation for mercy and the appellant had up to the present borne an exemplary character.

The Chief Justice went on to say that appellant had apparently supported his uncle up to that time and in all the circumstances the Court was of the opinion that the appropriate sentence in this case would be six years.

"I am very much obliged to your Lordships," Tsoi said.

Another appeal for reduction of sentence was refused by the Full Court.

Second Appeal

Chan Hung-fong who was sentenced to two years by District Judge R. H. Mills-Owens for burglary and wounding with intent to resist arrest said that the sentence was too excessive. He said he had no intention of entering the dwelling house.

Chan who had 13 previous convictions admitted he used a bamboo to extract clothing from the inside of the house. When he was caught by the two brothers he was assaulted by both of them, he alleged.

Dismissing the application for leave to appeal, the Chief Justice said that from the evidence it appeared that appellant and another person had made careful plans to extract things from the rear window of the house.

When appellant was caught he attacked the younger brother of the owner of the house with a knife with which he had inflicted a number of injuries.

His Lordship added that appellant had a bad record and in all the circumstances the Court did not think that the sentence imposed for either offence was excessive.

Teagarden Concert: "I Could Have Stayed All Night"

By JOHN STEWART

STRANGE though it may seem, a jazz concert is not always the best place to hear good jazz. This type of music consists of a group of musicians playing improvised melodies based on an agreed chord sequence, backed up by a rhythm section which, apart from trying to keep the whole business in order, serves to inspire the 'front-line' by providing a solid beat as a foundation for their improvisations.

Clearly, improvisations will be stodgy without inspiration, and inspiration is very hard to come by in a strange hall, which may not lend itself to a band's kind of music, and before an audience expecting fireworks from the world 'go'.

Result is that the musicians take their places with a certain amount of apprehension, no matter how used they are to playing at concerts. After a few 'numbers' they will either get their hearts warm, or they won't.

The audience plays an important part in this process; the jazz musician relies on and is influenced by his audience perhaps more than is an actor. If the first number manages to inspire the audience then the session will be a good one: if the audience is not inspired, the musicians feel it, and the jazz is not so good.

Hence, jazz concerts are something of a hit or miss affair.

However, although I am not keen on jazz on the concert platform, this lack of enthusiasm would definitely not have kept me from the Loke Yew Hall last evening.

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The first number, the Original Dixieland Onestep, indicated that nothing but good was to follow; that here was a group of superb musicians, each a complete master of his instrument. The rhythm section impressed immediately, producing a very steady, inspiring beat, and I particularly liked the uninhibited drumming of Ronnie Greb.

Drummers, are a downtrodden lot, but this young man made his presence felt in no uncertain manner, but entirely without being over-powering. Mention should also be made of the terrific solo drumming he provided later in the programme, with a technique that was faultless.

The front line of Max Kaminsky on trumpet, Jerry Fuller on clarinet and of course, Jack Teagarden on trombone whilst producing some very fine technical playing, were slightly subdued, as could be expected, and their improvisations were quite straightforward and fairly basic.

The audience, however, who seemed at first sight to be a strange crowd to see at a jazz concert, got the message immediately and responded with enthusiastic, but well-mannered applause. This was not an audience that would 'roll in the aisles' but clearly they were appreciating what was served up.

A few minutes later, when each member of the group was doing solo numbers, Max Kaminsky started on 'I've found a new baby'. That, I think, was when the band really got their hearts warm. His tremendous technique, phrasing and improvisations inspired everyone and after that, and the ovation which followed it, the session never looked back. All the old favourites were played to such good effect that few people in the audience could keep completely still.

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Each player emerged as not only a first-class jazzman, but as a first-class musician as well. All that was done was executed in a crisp, definite manner; ideas transformed themselves into melodies with a rhythmic feel to them.

Everything that was played was played tastefully and with polish, from the easy, almost lazy solos by Don Ewell on the piano and Stan Puls on the bass, who is quite the most relaxed bass-player I have ever seen, seeming more to caress the strings than pluck them, to the involved clarinet work of Jerry Fuller, played faultlessly with a beautiful tone.

Jack Teagarden was his usual self, as we have heard him on records for years, but was perhaps a little subdued owing to a frightful cold that had almost robbed him of his voice, though he put in some very good choruses indeed.

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I have two lasting impressions of the evening's entertainment. The first is of a group of excellent musicians, with not a weakness anywhere, the like of which I have never seen before even though in my days as a musician I was privileged to play with or hear most of the best jazzmen in England.

The second is of two young men, Jerry Fuller and Ronnie Greb who, unlike most young jazzmen today who are interested only in the technical tricks that comprise "progressive jazz", are carrying on the spirit of what Jack Teagarden called "pure jazz". Of the group, these were the only strangers to me, but I am quite certain we will have a lot of them in the future.

The audience, which just about filled the hall, clearly could have stayed at the Loke Yew Hall all night: I certainly could have.

He Stole Watch From Daughter

A man who stole his daughter's wrist watch was sentenced to a month in gaol today.

Sub-Inspector R. Ma told Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy this morning that Shek Chan-kwong, 44 of 371 Shaukiwan Road went to visit his daughter Shek Ching-yung in November.

When she saw him coming she suspected he would ask her for money so she hid next door.

She saw her father go into her cubicle and later leave. But when she went in a moment later she found her wrist watch missing from a drawer.

She reported to the Police and her father was arrested. He had five previous convictions.

Lecturer Arrives For HKU

Prof. E. S. Kirby (left) Mr John Matthews, new lecturer in accountancy at the HKU, and Mr E. F. Szczepanik, senior lecturer in Economics, seen at Kai Tak this morning. —China Mail Photo (see story below).

New Optional Course At University

The University of Hongkong will soon begin a new optional course to help undergraduates studying economics. This morning Mr J. W. Matthews, B Sc Econ, AICA, the University's new lecturer in economics arrived here from the UK to join the staff of the HKU.

Mr Matthews specialises in accountancy, and was on the staff of Kingston Technical College, Kingston-on-Thames, before coming to Hongkong. He is a graduate of London University.

The new course is optional and its meant for undergraduates mainly interested in finance. It is one of a series of special subjects connected with the BA degree in Economics.

At the airport this morning, Mr Matthews was met by Professor E.S. Kirby, head of the Department of Economics at the University and Mr E. F. Szczepanik, Senior Lecturer in Economics at the HKU.

COOLER BUT MORE HUMID

Hongkong has had cooler weather in the last few days.

The average minimum temperature for the three days from Dec. 27, has been 61.6 degrees, and this morning the lowest temperature recorded at the Observatory was 59.2 degrees.

Humidity content in the air has been much higher than normal, over the same period.

The normal for the last week of December is 72 per cent, but on Saturday and yesterday, the humidity jumped to 78 per cent.

The Royal Observatory forecast fair and fine weather for the remainder of the day.

New Year Message

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd's annual New Year message to the colonies will be broadcast at 6.45 p.m. on Friday, over Radio Hongkong.

Queen's Message

The official telecast of the annual Christmas Day message to the Commonwealth by the Queen, was received in the Colony late yesterday and it will be televised tonight at approximately five past nine.

For the benefit of viewers who may be unable to see and hear the Queen's message at this time it will be repeated at the end of the evening feature at approximately 10.40 p.m.

Judgment Reserved In Libel Claim

Judge K. R. Macfee reserved judgment in the District Court this morning in a Chinese singer's libel claim against three newspapers.

Miss Lau Sing is claiming $5,000 from each of the papers, Yuet Wah Daily News, Hung Look Daily News and Ching Po Daily. She claims that they published articles on May 19 which injured her reputation and brought her into public disgrace, scandal, ridicule, hatred and contempt.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada QC and Mr Gerald Basto, both instructed by Mr A. Y. Hon, are representing Miss Lau.

Mr Chan submitted that the plaintiff's professional standing was not affected by the articles.

Mr d'Almada said that she was not claiming special damages, so the question of professional standing did not arise.

Good Meaning

Mr Chan further submitted that far from being defamatory, some of the portions complained of were capable of good meaning.

The words themselves were innocent in meaning and if a special meaning was to be attributed to any particular act described in the article, then it must be pleaded and proved.

Mr d'Almada had jettisoned the whole of the innuendoes therefore the Court could forget all of the sinister meanings suggested in the pleadings and all the expressions must be taken by themselves, Mr Chan argued.

He claimed that there were a lot of harmless explanations in the articles, and Mr d'Almada had not even told the Court in what way the suggestions were defamatory.

Hearing is continuing.

ALMOST COLLIDED WITH POLICEMAN

No Licence

Wu Ting-kuen, 37, of 5 Perfection Place, ground floor, was fined $550 and disqualified from driving for a year for letting a man without a licence drive his motor scooter.

The man who drove the scooter, 33-year-old Kam Kan-chol of 20 Parker Road, ground floor, pleaded guilty to driving carelessly, without a valid licence and third party insurance.

Mr A. L. Leathlean fined him a total of $700, at Central Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector J. Webster said yesterday Kam almost collided with a police constable on a motor cycle in Shaukiwan.

When asked by the constable for his licence, Kam said he had none.

Nathan Rd Taxi Accident

Old Woman Dead

One person was killed and three others, including a boy, were injured in traffic accidents yesterday.

The fatal accident occurred in Nathan Road near its junction with Man Ming Lane at 6.30 p.m. when a 62-year-old woman was knocked down by a taxi.

The woman, Wu Lau of 510-512 Nathan Building, tenth floor, died four and a half hours after admission to Kowloon Hospital.

A 34-year-old man, Lee Shek of 66, Boundary Street, third floor, was injured when he was knocked down by a private car in Mok Cheong Street, near To Kwa Wan Road, yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, a six-year-old boy, Tam Fu-keung of 15, Customs Road, ground floor, was knocked down by a bus near his home and a 14-year-old girl, Tsui Ho-chu of 209B, Tung Choi Street, fourth floor, was hit by a military lorry in Argyle Street.

All the injured were admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Fireworks Exploded: Cyclist In Court

A tandem driver who was arrested when fireworks he was carrying on his bicycle exploded, was cautioned and discharged by Mr I. M. S. Donnel at Kowloon Court this morning.

Kwok Chik, 36, pleaded guilty to possession of fireworks which exploded on impact.

Defendant was carrying more than 120 packets of the fireworks on Sunday. Some exploded because of friction.

In court this morning, defendant said he was carrying the fireworks for someone for $5.

Discharging Kwok, Mr Donnel advised him not to do it again as it would endanger not only his own life, but the lives of others.

$760 JEWEL THEFT

A quantity of jewellery, valued at $760, was stolen from 131 Belchers Street, first floor, shortly after 3 a.m. today.

Intruders entered No. 7c, Conduit Road between 11 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. yesterday and stole three bottles of wine, two boxes of cigars and a quantity of cutlery to the total value of $155.

Money Lost

A Chinese woman lost $1,008 in cash somewhere between Bridges Street and Shing Wong Street, Sheung Wan, yesterday morning.

Car Burgled

A quantity of clothing, valued at $165, was stolen from a private car parked in Hankow Road, Kowloon yesterday.

Student Ordered To Centre

A 19-year-old student, Chan Kim-hung who was convicted of indecently assaulting a nine-year-old girl, was ordered to be sent to Stanley Boys Training Centre, by Mr I. M. S. Donnel at Kowloon Court this morning.

Last week the youth was remanded for a report from the Commissioner of Prisons as to his suitability for training at the Centre.

This morning, Mr L. Leong, representing the defendant, told the court he understood that the Commissioner had indicated in his report that the boy was suitable for training but, Mr Leong said that he had received instructions to ask the court to do otherwise.

He said the boy was now in form 5, and if he were sent to some other kind of training he would be deprived of his present studies.

Mr Leong suggested that the boy be given a shorter sentence so that he could resume his studies.

Mr Donnel said that the best course would be to send the boy to the Training Centre where he would receive a great amount of good.

Tomorrow's Concert

Miss Barbara Black, daughter of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black, will be attending the jazz concert to be given by the Jack Teagarden Sextet, at noon tomorrow at the King's Theatre.

From the Files

25 years AGO

IN the New Year Honours, the Hon. Alexander George Montagu Cadogan, who will shortly succeed Sir Miles Lampson as British Minister in China, receives the KCMG.

There were two Hongkong names in the New Year honours list — Dr A. R. Wellington, JP, who is Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, who received the CMG and Mr Tang Shiu-kin who received an OBE.

Mr Tang was the son of the late Mr Tang Chi-ngong, banker and philanthropist who made many donations to charity and educational institutions, including $65,000 to the Hongkong University for the establishment of the Chinese School.

Mr Tang was Chairman of Tung Wah in 1928 and managing partner of the Tan Tin Fuk Bank as well as being Chairman of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co (1933) Ltd and a member of the Hongkong University Court.

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The untimely death of Miss Felicity E. Weigall, aged 23, has come as a great shock to a large circle of friends at Shanghai. She was born in Hongkong. Her father was general manager of the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co. Ltd. Miss Weigall was on the secretarial staff of the BAT.

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THERE was a pretty wedding at the Union Church, Kennedy Road on Saturday when Miss Mary Walker Mitchell, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mitchell of Newburgh, Fife, Scotland, became the bride of Mr William Harris, a member of the Hongkong Police Force. The Rev. E. G. Powell officiated at the service. The bride was given away by Mr S. Logan, Divisional Inspector of the Shaukiwan Police Station. Mrs S. Logan was Matron of Honour. The duty of best man was discharged by Mr Alex McRobbie, a colleague of the bridegroom.

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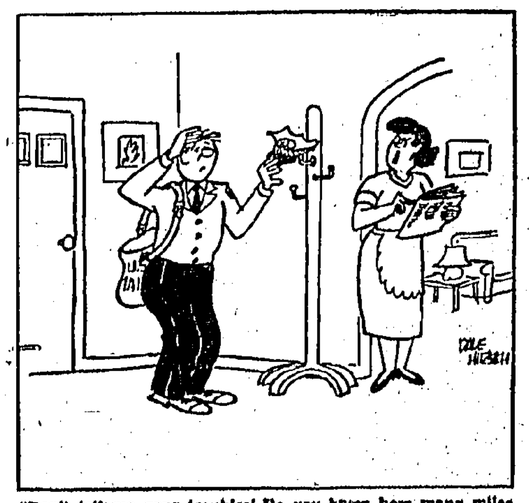
Playing against the Royal Navy, T. A. Pearce, Hongkong Cricket Club batsman, scored a century which put his team 66 runs ahead of Navy on the first innings with a total of 266. L. D. Kilbee scored 12 and H. Owen Hughes 11. In the second innings, T. A. Pearce was stumped for a duck and as HKCC managed to score only 33 for four wickets in reply to Navy's second innings of 108, the match ended in a draw.

This Funny World



"Don't tell me your troubles! Do you know how many miles a day the average housewife walks?"

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